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SUBSCRIPTIONS are still pouring into Little Newport Street, to the delight of everyone except poor Anna Marie, who has to enter all the details Suggestions and opinions have also been pouring in. A few people who are short of money are worried about losing touch Help your fellow Dragon-users to stay in touch by carrying the latest issue in your back pocket and whipping it out wherever Dragons gather — back issues will be available, and new subscribers are welcome at any time

The special offer of £12 for a year's subscription continues this month, so if you know someone who missed the June issue — draw it to their attention

This month DU begins a new series from technical maestro Brian Cadga on language alternatives to Basic, starting with Pascal, and we re-join Orbaum and Campbell in their epic trip into machine code, with a double helping to make up for last month s dearth.

We depend on your feedback, so write and tell us what would be useful.

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How to submit articles

The quality of the material we can publish in *Dragon User* each month will to a very great extent depend on the quality of the discoveries that you can make with your Dragon The Dragon computer was launched on to the market with a powerful version of Basic but with very poor documentation

Articles which are submitted to *Dragon User* for publication should not be more than 3000 words long All submissions should be typed Please leave wide margins and a double space between each line Programs should whenever possible be computer printed on plain white paper and be accompanied by a tape of the program

We cannot guarantee to return every submitted article or program so please keep a copy If you want to have your program returned you must include a stamped addressed envelope

Letters

This is the chance to air your views — send your tips, compliments and complaints to Letters Page, *Dragon User*, 12-13 Little Newport Street, London WC2H 7PP

More to come

I WAS disappointed to hear that the mag is going subscription only but I understand your reasoning and it s better to pay £12 in one go than not to buy DU at all!

I hope that your promise to pack even more in means more pages

Would you please give consideration to articles on the following Use of Dragondos (the manual is just about useless) adding a second disk drive using one of the many cheap drives now available OS9 Flex (especially an article by Compusense) interfacing (to robots etc) and more technical details on the hardware and circuitry

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PS Any idea where I can get hold of a copy of the OS9 operating system? I m getting desperate

We would like some more news on the OS9 system ourselves Can anyone assist?

Useful programs

OVER the years I have developed a number of short Utility programs which I have found very useful They include an easy tape load and search program a program to auto run and partially protect both Basic and M C programs — this includes a load screen designer a program to enable you to make copies of your own autorun programs a Merge program for easy merging of Basic programs a List program which by listing one line at a time and providing easy movement up and down etc make listing easy and a full 6809 disassembler for the Dragon

If any of your readers would like a copy of these programs plus instruction sheets I would be glad to send them one They should either send a tape sae and 17p stamp to cover photocopying or their address plus £1 to cover everything

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Add on Colour

AFTER reading the review of the Dragon Plus in the January 86 DU I had the impression that unless one has a disk drive and wants to use Flex this expansion is of no use Is this correct? In relation to graphics does anyone make an add on that will give colour in PMode 4? The Dragon Plus gives 80×24 display what effect does this have on the graphics?

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Compusense are the agents for Flex only so they don t sell OS9 They don t do cassette based systems either, so their own software is written around the requirements of Flex There is no software on the board itself — if you can obtain suitable software control you can hook it up to any system The Dragon Plus does not alter the graphics capabilities being a text-only display.

Well Done!

I AM writing to DU to say thank you to all the staff who helped get many a delayed copy of *Total Eclipse* Without their support many readers might not have known who to contact I hope you print this so that people can see that without DU the Dragon just could not survive

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New Shape

IN RESPONSE to I M Macdonald s query as to whether or not the Dragon 32 s cursor could be made to change its shape I have written this small routine to do just that

```
10 FOR   X=&H200   TO
&H215
20 READ A$
30 POKEX VAL( &H +A$)
40 NEXTX
50 DATA 8E 02 0C BF 01
   6B 86 7E B7 01 6A 39
   34 12 9E 88 86 2A A7
   84 35 92
60 EXEC 512
```

Enter the program and RUN it As it stands the program changes the cursor to an asterisk but can be altered by typing POKE &H211 ASC (your character)

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Dragon Society

I WOULD like to let Dragon User readers know about a users group I have started It is called the Dragon and Co Co Users Society Members will receive a quarterly newsletter that offers hints and tips answers to members queries program listings and a chance for members to get in touch with each other Anyone joining will receive a machine code utility to auto run their own programs

Membership is £1 80 a year and further information can be obtained from me at the address given

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Correct Tips

IN THE April edition under More Tips there were two mistakes The first line should read

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20 FOR A=1 TO 18
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The second was line 40 and should read

```
40 SWRITE 1 20 A A$ B$
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Amateur Radio

I AM writing to advise you that I am organising a Dragon Amateur Radio User Group This group will cater for licensed and listener radio amateurs and will explore the capabilities of the Dragon (both 32 and 64) in the field of amateur radio to the full Having seen the letters following Martin Vernon s letter I would like to say that this group will be specialised and devoted solely to amateur radio with the Dragon I would be grateful if you would publish this short letter and anyone interested should contact me at the address below We have already published two newsletters and the third s due out in July The subs are £3 per annum

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Back Copies

WHERE and how can I buy older back issues of DU? I mean from 1984 1985

Lots of people

We normally only have back numbers for the last six months although if you re lucky you can find a few older issues We ask £1.25 post paid per issue

We can supply photocopied articles from some earlier issues for £1 per article, irrespective of length

If we can t supply the issue or article you ask for your order and money will be returned

Dragon User People's Chart

THE BARONS are back — *Juxtaposition* takes the top position again after two months at number two. We have a new climber — *Bean Stalker* and *Jet Set Willy* raises his head again.

This months anagrams plumped for straight down the line sincerity. Howsis from Philip Taylor? Please choose me as I do hate cons. Would we dare? And we spy a new trend among the Speccy bashers — our first crop of anti Amstrad sentiments! We can t print the current samples regrettably but it s a sure sign of the all-in-one wonder s world success. We prefer Be beastly — get a Dragon! from Deborah Dean and Simon Scottock s cry from the heart I should be revising. But this month s prize goes to Jason Lee of Huddersfield for Snooker Loopy mad are we the Dragon just like me. So why didn t you vote for it Simon?

Vote vote every month for your current favourite five Dragon programs. They can be anything games utilities what you like. Anything except the tape head cleaner. Write them in order of preference on the form printed here (or on your own paper).

Don t say we got something for nothing — £25 worth of Microdeal software will be given away to our favourite phrase constructed from the letter in your own top three titles (use as many as you like). You don t have to include a phrase to vote but you won t win unless you have a go!

Results July 1986

1	Juxtaposition	(Wintersoft)
2	Bean Stalker	(Micro Vision)
3	Shocktrooper	(Microdeal)
4	Moon Cresta	(Incentive)
5	Jet Set Willy	(Software Projects)

Chart Seven

Voting for Chart No 7 closes at 1pm on Friday 15th August 1986. Entries received after that time will not be eligible for inclusion in that month's voting. The editor's decision is final. Only one entry per individual per month will be allowed.

My top 5: Voting Month 7

1. ____________
2. ____________
3. ____________
4. ____________
5. ____________

My phrase is ____________

Name ____________

Address ____________

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News desk

If you have any new products for the Dragon — software or hardware — ring the News Desk on 01-437 4343

Sun starts to shine for Eclipse?

TOTAL ECLIPSE the vast space trader game which ran into problems on its maiden voyage looks as though it s coming out from behind the cloud at last

Eclipse Fenmar chief Trevor Davies believes that every customer who contacted the company has now been sent the mark 1 3 version of the game free of the elusive bugs which had stopped play To the best of my knowledge there s nobody out there who hasn t received a game who ordered one The Birmingham Consumer Services Department put one more chap through to me this week

We were quite surprised at the public s reaction They have stuck with us People who were really unhappy at the time have contacted us to say how pleased they are

It has taken time to deal with mail because we had to let some of our staff to go and the office is not manned full time We also lost some mail because of this It has really knocked us for six I put money into it and went in over the top

People have asked us about our next game We are contemplating another game but it will take us a while to get back on our feet

Birmingham Consumer Services confirm that Eclipse apparently have it sorted out They re not fly by nights and I know they ve been making efforts They are still based at the same address

The address for anyone with further queries is Eclipse Fenmar Suite 10 4 Orphanage Road Birmingham B24 9HS

Total Eclipse tipped as game of the year by DU s reviewer before the troubles is available from Eclipse Fenmar at £9 95 or win one in this month s Gordon Lee puzzle

Prize Books in lieu

MELBOURNE HOUSE who have been making efforts to find a few of the last remaining *Enter The Dragon* tapes for Dragon User s outstanding January prizewinners have contacted us with the sad news that nobody they have spoken to has a spare tape under the counter

Melbourne House send their apologies to all concerned and those winners who did not receive tapes will be getting books in lieu

Text Adventure

A NEW classic style text adventure running under the FLEX DOS is on its way The *Curse of Comarr* boasts 100 locations and 20 plus characters in 47k of machine code plus 10k in the utility command space on disc The program has a large vocabulary and FLEX commands can be used during the course of the game

Look out for a review from Roy Coates soon *The Curse of Comarr* can be ordered from K Hunter 46 Greenhill Road Elton Bury Lancs BL8 2LL for £10 post paid

Radio Amateurs impress Blaby

BLABY have two new games with us now and another on the way so look out for reviews next month Temple of Doom Boulder Crash and Trun are the names to watch out for

The Dragon show in Manchester was very successful for us says John Bailiss A comparatively small number of people came but they re all serious Dragon people John was impressed by some practical demonstrations of Dragon programmes being used by Radio Amateurs to send pictures by RTTY

Temple of Doom

Boulder Crash

Dragon User would like more information on Amateur Radio software for the Dragon and Tandy micros so if you have anything to say on the subject drop us a line

68 Micro Group

ANY solitary hardened Dragon or Tandy CoCo hackers might be interested to hear of the 68 Micro Group — an established national club dedicated to users of all 68xx systems

Membership includes a nicely put together A5 type journal (named 68 Microcosm) access to a library of assorted software (much of it FLEX and OS 9) and of course contact with other enthusiastic users Perusing the April edition of 68 Microcosm showed it to be 30 pages packed with assembler and circuit diagrams special hardware offers (how about 46 quid for a Dragon Prestel cartridge + a Modem 2000 direct Modem House?) — with four pages directly dedicated to the Dragon itself

Although perhaps not for raw beginners this ambitious group (they plan to hold nationwide monthly meetings where there is the support) is certainly worth investigating For membership details write to Jim Turner at 63 Millais Road London E11

Xmas Show

MICRODEAL S 6809 CHRISTMAS SHOW will be held on 22 November at the Royal Horticultural Halls Westminster London For more details phone Jenny Pope on 0726 6820 The Royal Horticultural Halls are within easy walking distance of Victoria Station British Rail and Victoria and St James Park underground stations

Microdeal have two new games in the pipeline Cuthbert and the Golden Chalice and Tanglewood No release date yet, but we hope to be reviewing these as soon as they become available

Communication

Send in you questions, requests, and pleas to Communication, Dragon User, 12-13 Little Newport Street, London WC2

Problem I want to meet any Dragon owners in the Southampton area as I own a Dragon 32 but don't know anyone else who does

Enquirer Jason Coombes 52 Springfield Avenue Holbury Southampton SO4 1LP

Problem Wanted text on hi res screen MC routine for adventure program under Cumana DOS Can anyone help?

Enquirer J D Law Green 1 Whitelands Rawdon Leeds W Yorks LS19 6BW

Problem I have Cuthbert in Space and I used the pokes (D U March 1986) but I still get only four lives Help Also I would like a Dragon owner penfriend preferably in the Gloucester area

Enquirer Paul Palmer 15 Underhill Road Matson Gloucester GL4 9HB

Problem I have a Dragon 32 with a Star Gemini 10× printer I cannot follow the instructions for printing graphics They read as follows FORMAT CHR$(27) CHR$(75) CHR$(n1) CHR$(n2) CHR$(m1) CHR$(m2) The number of columns to be printed is given by n1+256*n2 There must be n1+256*n2 characters following n2 So far I have failed to work out any combination of figures to give me a print out Could anyone explain? Preferably with an example

Enquirer D S Henserson Cumbria Lamers Drift Toftwood Dereham Norfolk NR19 1LE

Problem I have a Dragon 32 and have some difficulty writing a program for dumping screen graphics graphs etc to hard copy I have a Brother 1009 printer Any help would be most welcome

Enquirer J Airey 1 Sandford Avenue Gosport Hants PO12 2SS

Problem. I have written a program that scrolls the screen to the left The sprite (a spaceship) which should move up and down left and right using peek keys leaves a tail behind Could anyone give me a program to tip in Basic to relieve this problem?

Enquirer H Woodcock 131 Penistone Road Grenoside Sheffield S30 3OH

Problem I have owned a Dragon 64 and disk drive for a year with no problems Recently an intermittent fault has developed in my system The symptoms are that when I type any DOS command I get an error eg DIR or LOAD an RF error and BOOT for OS9 an NR error The disk motor is working I have checked my disks on another system and they are all OK Could anyone let me know if they have had a similar problem and do they suspect the DOS or the drive?

Enquirer Peter Duncombe 8 Arden Grove Harpenden Herts AL5 4SJ

Communication

Stuck for a routine? Need some obscure equipment? Feeling cut off? Fear not — someone somewhere can help you! Write down your problem on the coupon below (make it as brief and legible as possible) together with your name and address and send it to Communication Dragon User 12/13 Little Newport Street London WC2H 7PP We'll publish it as soon as we can — meanwhile maybe there's someone you can help this month!

Problem ....

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Name ....

Address. ....

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Dragonsoft

New software for review should be sent to *Dragon User* 12-13 Little Newport Street, London WC2H 7PP

Bowled out

Program *Superbowl*
Supplier Computape (Game by Cable)
Price £2.99

LO, life in the happy land across the waters had fallen upon even harder times than when last we told of it. With the general disenchantment among the little folk with the good witch Cablette and her foiled blessing in *Zak's Son* the little folk had put away their Dragons and plugged a normal aerial in the back of their little televisions, and a new craze had sweeped across the land.

For verily hadst the people discovered Channel 4 and found how very different it was and exciting with programs of alternative arts and minority groups having their own programs (which did raise the hearts of the hobbits in the land who up until then had been given a fairly hard Press by Melbourne House) and alternative sports.

They were Basketball and American football. But soon the craze didst die out for basketball as the little folk had not the height to get the ball in the basket and so American Football became the craze.

And high in his castle among the dark mountains the evil wizard didst laugh and count his money a lot and commit all of the seven deadly sins all at once and then laugh a lot more for he had finally removed all the Dragons from the land (for lo he didst hate computers as much as happiness).

So as you can see things looked pretty damn bad for the little people. But then the good witch Cablette didst crack it and released a game based upon American Football which shows a top view of players running up and down the pitch and is generally a great deal.

Sadly though the good witch had had much of her energy sapped by the defeat of

Zak's son by the evil wizard and so all she could produce was a game with nice smooth graphics but little else.

And lo once again the little people didst send off for it and get all their Dragons out, and load it up, and play it for a couple of nanoseconds and get bored out of their wits with it and put their Dragons away again, and throw away the game and go back to watching alternative arts programs.

And the good witch Cablette was banished from the land for letting the people down again. And the Dragons didst never come out again. And high in his castle the evil wizard laughed that all this had gone so well for him when he'd really had nothing to do with it. And he didst come forward and crown himself king, and his name was Cliff Sinclove.

And the morals of this tale are firstly that if no one gets their A into G about producing software then computers die, and secondly those who bring out two rubbishy games in a row can't complain about two cynical reviews.

Jason Orbaum

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Old zoner

Program *Lazer Zone*
Supplier Microdeal
Price (See text)

A FEW YEARS ago, when I was very young, I went round to my mate's house to see a couple of new games he had acquired for his VIC 20. One of them was *Lazer Zone*. We played it all evening and I went home in incredible envy of this game.

I can't remember why I loved this game so passionately, but it's still a good game, only let down by the graphics on the Dragon! It puts you on two axis of a grid with objects coming at the two axis. On each axis you have a gun and the idea is to blast anything that moves out of the sky (or grid). Up and down on the joystick controls the gun on the vertical axis, and left and right correspondingly move the gun on the horizontal axis. And that's about it, save a couple of rather nifty touches that raise this game from the mediocracy.

The first is that by using diagonal movement it is possible to pick an alien that has landed on a certain axis off with the other gun (does that make sense?) This is a very difficult manoeuvre to execute involving a lot of practice to prevent suicide!

The second is that it is possible to play with two people in co-operation, one on each axis, and it's here that the game comes into its own.

The sound's great, the graphics are all right (although I prefer black and white) and it plays fine. I have given it a rating of three but I don't know whether I found the game a let down because it has not translated well to the Dragon, or because after a very long wait I had built up my expectations too highly, so it may be worth four.

The game is well worth a look if you can pick it up cheap somewhere (it's often going cheap at the shows) and you may find the initial passion for it that I shared. But be warned, this is not an easy game!!

Jason Orbaum

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Hooked

Program *Ruby Robba*
Supplier Blaby
Price £1.99

IT HAD BEEN a hard day, outside the rain was pouring like it would never stop. God knows how long I'd been on this case. I thought it would never end. Armed guards, snakes and rubies. They all swam round my head like it was some sort of aquarium.

I threw on my coat, missed, tried again, missed again and then put it on properly. I'd never managed to learn that trick. I sighed.

She was there when I opened the door. A real picture of beauty. "You've got to help me!" she said. "I can't stop playing *Ruby Robba*." I sighed. I knew the symptoms, my God I had them too.

"You want a drink?"

No reply.

"I'll get you a drink," I said. I sighed. I seemed to be doing a lot of that recently. I fixed her a gin. But when I got back into the room I found that all that was left was a faint memory of her perfume and a cassette inlay on the floor. I read it. The object of this game is to steal the precious ruby by breaking the complex defence system guarding it.

There they were, the same old instructions. I went to the cupboard and opened it. Out fell thirty thousand *Ruby Robba* cassette inlays. There were thirty thousand others out there who were addicted.

Then I found a lead. I decided to follow it. It led to a plug stuck in a socket on the wall. Devious. And typical of the enemy Blaby. That one word struck so much terror into the hearts of so many people. Blaby. For some it meant cheap games. But for most it meant addiction. I decided to follow the lead the other way ... it led to the cassette recorder connected to my Dragon.

I sighed and loaded up the game. It loaded fast with no problems. The graphics were smooth and flicker free. The sound was great. I knew there was a connection between this and the *Boris the Bold* case that had so nearly cost me my life. I had to play. I sweated. I sighed. I sighed again for good.

I sighed. Maybe the case was unsolvable. Maybe the game was too addictive. I looked at the screen. The blue light of the portable was all that lit the apartment. I sighed, and settled down to another night's play.

Jason Orbaum

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What a wonderful show!

***Roy Coates** at Ossett*

THE SECOND of the John Penn Dragon shows was held at Ossett Town Hall last weekend the 31st May. At first thought this seemed to be an odd choice of venue although after consulting a map it proved to be well thought out as easy access is gained from both the M62 and M1 motorways. This was borne out by the fact that there were actually people waiting outside before the show started.

It was nice to see a few new faces as well as most of the regular suppliers of Dragon hardware and software in attendance with some marvellous bargains and a very large selection of both programs and accessories for the Dragon.

Firstly (and deservedly so) John Penn had a large and well manned stand offering unbelievable discounts on a comprehensive range of Software which included both games and utilities on both cassette and disc. Compusense as always were displaying their extensive range of both hardware and software most of which centres around the FLEX and OS 9 operating systems which judging by the amount of people gathered around their stand was generating some real interest. Ted Opyrchal from Compusense was keen to stress that they are still very much dedicated to the Dragon and will be continuing to support the Dragon users as long as they exist.

Blaby (as usual) were very busy demonstrating their vast range of games software with two new releases on show *Boulder Crash* and *The Temple of Doom* with the promise of more new titles to be released shortly.

Eclipse Fenmar were again displaying their *Total Eclipse* program and now seem to have come through their initial bad publicity problems simply through having such a very high quality game. For those of you that have been brave enough to tackle *Total Eclipse* I have been informed that there is a third universe to be released shortly which must make this game possibly the longest playing adventure ever written for the Dragon. Good old Peaksoft were again there to tempt us with a huge range of accessories on show including everything from replacement power supplies through disc drives to sweat shirts. Although they do not supply software for the Dragon they probably have the largest stock of accessories for the Dragon.

Compulape which is one Dragon company that seems to be rapidly expanding has a most comprehensive range of software at ridiculously good prices and a running battle seemed to be constantly in progress to get near enough to their stand to buy something! I must confess that they had

many Dragon titles for sale which I for one had never heard of before so my wallet certainly went home relieved of some of it's burden!

Smithson Computing were occupied showing off their new monthly magazine for the Dragon called *Dragon Monthly* (ingenious title eh?) as well as their *Electronic Author* and *Gordon Bennet* programs.

Grosvenor Software had an impressive display of goodies on show which included the Dream range of programs which consist of assemblers, disassemblers, word processor etc. etc. as well as their products to keep the amateur radio enthusiasts happy with RTTY units, Slow scan TV and the software to support these units as well as other software of specific interest to the amateur fraternity.

Microvision had *Beanstalker* on display as well as representing Incentive and Software Projects by displaying *Moon Cresta* and *Jet Set Willy*.

What made this show different from previous ones were the stands that weren't actually selling anything but which were demonstrating how they used the Dragon for a specific application. Three radio amateurs (GOA1Z, G4TQR and G6ZZE) had set up two Dragons at opposite ends of the demonstration hall and were communicating between them using a radio link on the 2 metre FM amateur radio band with great success. What wasn't obvious was that this software is available to the general public, if you are interested contact Blaby's John Bailiss who is himself a licensed radio amateur (G1LTJ). The Dragon does seem to have become almost a cult machine with radio amateurs all over the country and there are many groups who are sending software via radio on a regular basis. You do not have to be licensed to receive these transmissions but you will need a receiver capable of tuning in the VHF range at about 144Mhz.

The Verulamiun Museum from St Albans came to demonstrate how they have been using Dragons to assist in the excavating of a Roman cemetery in St Albans. The software that they have developed is very impressive and allows the accurate mapping of the graves to be excavated and also the comparison of various sites to be made by either displaying multiple maps on the graphics screen or by overlaying one on top of the other. Similar programs have also been written to allow for the precise measurement and comparison of the ceramic pots which are common to this type of site.

One of the stands had been taken by a young programmer who was exhibiting his software in the hope that it may be taken up by a software house. One of the packages that I looked at was the *Composer Companion* which co-resides with Microdeal's *Composer* package and allows musical data entry to be made via a musical stave as opposed to those awful DATA statements that make data entry and correction an appalling job. If you are interested contact Jonathan Cartwright at Starship Software, 23 Tintern Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7OF.

A lot of visitors to the show were bemoaning the fact that there is very little software available on disc. Having spent a tidy sum on a disc system it is rather galling when you find that you can't use it. Maybe we shall see more disc based software from now on?

From an exhibitor's point of view one thing that struck me was that all the exhibitors seemed to know each other well and the atmosphere was a very friendly one as opposed to a competitive one. The relationship between them being more like a family instead of a business.

In conclusion the show was a great success judging by the smiles, and each of the Distributors that I spoke to had the same thing to say, "What a wonderful show". If I have missed anyone out my apologies, it hasn't been intentional but the show was busy and it was difficult to get around everyone.

Flag And Branch

*Part Five of our machine code series — **Jason Orbaum** waves the flags*

HELLO yes it's me alone again — this month talking to you about the CC flag and Branch instructions You'll have to forgive me if I wander off the subject it's just I'm missing Geoff and if he's reading this come back And bring the disc drive with you!

First a big thank you to a certain Mr Martyn J Preston who writes to inform us all of where we can get the elusive Motorola specifical on sheet on the 6809 Apparently in the Hitachi *Semiconductor Data Book — 8 16 Bit Microcomputer* there are about 30 pages on the HD6809E and the HD6809 as well as data on the 68xx and 63xx micro processors and 68xx peripheral chips (6821 6840 6850 etc) There is also according to Martyn some information on the HD68000 Martyn got his book from Farnell Electronic Components Limited Canal Road Leeds LS12 2TU The stock number for the book is 171 360 and it should cost £7 50 Thanks again for that Martyn

So on to the business in hand This month after last month's rather simplistic article we have aimed slightly higher If you find the information left unexplained to a degree or you still find it too simple to read please write and let us know at the usual magazine address

Below is a dissection of the CC flag into its respective bits with descriptions of those immediately relevant

The CC Register

E F H I N Z V C

H Half Carry
This bit is set (contains a value of 1) when the result of any mathematical calculation results in the fourth bit of the resulting byte being set This will become clearer after next month's tutorial on additional instructions

N Negative
This is pretty obvious The bit is set if the result of a mathematical operation should be negative

Z Parity
Set on equality ie if the two elements of a CMP instruction are equal the Z bit will be set

V Overflow
Set if the result of an eight bit operation mathematical operation This is the way that negative numbers are denoted in binary Next month's rather lengthy article will explain both 2's complement and BCD denotation in binary It was decided after last month it would be better to give them a miss this month and steer off the theory back into the commands and practice

C Carry
Set if the result of an eight bit operation causes the need for a ninth bit ie 11111111B + 1B =100000000B The result as can be clearly seen has nine bits The ninth bit becomes a set carry bit in CC and the byte becomes 0B

These then for the moment are the important bits in the CC flag Let us now see their relevance to the branch instructions The branch instructions covered here are not all of those in this month's table However they are the only ones you will need for now I shall use the current situation with me and Geoff as an example for illustrative purposes

BEQ Geoff comes back if and only if it's on his terms

BNE Geoff comes back provided it's not on his terms

This pair as can be deduced stand for Branch if Equal and Branch if Not Equal they are used after arithmetic calculation (as are most of the branch instructions)

BLO Branch if Lower Geoff comes back if he agrees to drink less

BLE Branch if Less than or Equal to Geoff comes back if he agrees to drink NO MORE than he did before

BHI Branch if Higher Geoff comes back if he agrees to give me more rent than before

BHS Branch if Higher or Same Geoff comes back if he agrees to give me NO LESS rent than before

BRN Branch Never Geoff never comes back

BRA Branch Always Geoff always comes back

Quite quick and painful really wasn't it! The idea is that you take this look at the table of branch instructions match them up and then look at the following piece of code and work out at which lines the code will RTS for the numbers given

```
 10 LDA #NN
 20 CMPA #0
 30 BEQ POINT1
 40 CMPA #50
 50 BHS POINT2
 60 CMPA #32
 70 BLO POINT3
 80 SUBA #32
 90 BEQ POINT4
100 BRN POINT5
110 RTS
120 POINT1 RTS
130 POINT2 CMPA #200
140 BLO POINT6
150 RTS
160 POINT3 RTS
170 POINT4 RTS
180 POINT5 RTS
190 POINT6 RTS
```

The NN in line 10 stands for a number picked from the following list Work out where each takes the program

100 32 33 0 232 233 200 199 50

The answers respectively are the following lines

190 170 110 120 150 150 150 190 190

If you got the exercise correct then you can congratulate yourself on passing this small but complex part of the course And that really is it for this month Next month Geoff gets back from holiday (yes all that stuff about him leaving was a big joke and boy is he going to find it funny when he sees it in print!) and to celebrate we'll be presenting an extra long edition So for those of you who like to read up ahead of us next month the following interesting and varied topics will be covered

(1) Assembler directives (maybe we've been promising this one for so long now that it's almost fun to not do it each month)
(2) The differences between LBNE and BNE and other related topics which leads nicely into
(3) Addressing modes
(4) Arithmetic complete with diagrams and tables
(5) BCD and 2's Complement arithmetic

All this and more that you will hardly believe! Or understand (Cue lots of letters!!)

Branch Instructions

BCC — Branch on Carry Clear

Mnemonics BCC & CBCC
Function If C=O then branch to specific point
Addressing Mode Relative

BCS — Branch on Carry Set

Mnemonics BCS & CBCS
Function If C=1 then branch to a specific point
Addressing Mode Relative

BEQ — Branch on EQual

Mnemonics BEQ & CBEQ
Function If Z=1 then branch to a specific point
Addressing Mode Relative

BGE — Branch on Greater than or Equal to

Mnemonics BGE & LBGE
Function If (N (XOR) V) = 0 then branch to specified point

Addressing Mode: Relative

BGT — Branch on Greater Than

Mnemonics: BGT & LBGT
Function: If Z and (N (XOR) V) = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BHI — Branch on HIgher

Mnemonics: BHI & LBHI
Function: If (C or Z) = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BHS — Branch on Higher or Same

Mnemonics: BHS & LBHS
Function: If C = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BLE — Branch on Less than or Equal to

Mnemonics: BLE & LBLE
Function: If Z or (N (XOR) V) = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BLO — Branch on LOwer

Mnemonics: BLO & LBLO
Function: If C = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BLS — Branch on Lower or Same

Mnemonics: BLS & LBLS
Function: If (C or Z) = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BLT — Branch on Less Than

Mnemonics: BLT & LBLT
Function: If (N (XOR) V) = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BMI — Branch on MInus

Mnemonics: BMI & LBMI
Function: If N = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BNE — Branch on Not Equal

Mnemonics: BNE & LBNE
Function: If Z = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BPL — Branch on Plus

Mnemonics: BPL & LBPL
Function: If N = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BRA — BRanch Always

Mnemonics: BRA & LBRA
Function: Branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BRN — BRanch Never

Mnemonics: BRN & LBRN
Function: Branch nowhere ever! (This is only included for symmetry.)
Addressing Mode: Relative

BSR — Branch to SubRoutines

Mnemonics: BSR & LBSR
Function: Branch to specified address leaving present location on system stack S
Addressing Mode: Relative

BVC — Branch on oVerflow Clear

Mnemonics: BVC & LBVC
Function: If V = 0 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

BUS — Branch on oVerflow Set

Mnemonics: BUS & LBUS
Function: If V = 1 then branch to specified point
Addressing Mode: Relative

JMP — JuMP

Mnemonic: JMP
Function: Jump to specified point
Addressing Modes: Extended
Directed
Indexed

JSR — Jump to SubRoutine

Mnemonic: JSR
Function: Jump to subroutine at specified point leaving current address on system stack S
Addressing Modes: Extended
Directed
Indexed

Addressing Modes

Part six follows fast, with ***Geoff Campbell*** *on the spot*

JASON presented a piece of prose designed to explain the intricacies of the various branch instructions and I for one think it was about as clear as mud. Still it should become clear in time. As the brave man wrote that entire section all on his own I thought it was time we had a column devoted to doing what we set out to do — ie to teach others to program a computer. To this end I have chained him up outside and taken over. I will cover a few subjects related to the branch instruction, some more on computer arithmetic, and an introduction to the various addressing modes or ways of accessing information that the processor had.

First a subject that was at one time regarded as the most important in computer science, that of decimal representation of numbers. It is possible and indeed most efficient, to work entirely in binary but remember that other people will be using your programs when they are finished and there are very few businessmen, shop keepers, personnel managers (or in short people) who are fluent with the binary number system, so any numerical results from a program must be displayed in decimal. The most efficient method of doing this depends on the application of the program. For a program with a lot of calculations and little result display it is most efficient to hold the numbers internally as binary, and convert them to decimal when they are displayed. This is quite straightforward, and we will present a routine to do so later.

There are other cases though where this will not be the most efficient method in terms of speed if not storage. If a program is doing a lot of displaying of decimal numbers but very few calculations, as in the vast number of databases currently in use, it may be easier to store the numbers as decimal. Yes, I know we are not supposed to be able to do that in a binary computer, but this is where we start to cheat slightly (but only slightly) and introduce a new concept called Binary Code Decimal, or BCD for the lazy ones among us. BCD is very simple in principle, and is in fact not dissimilar to hex in practice.

Binary code decimal

Just as in hex each nibble represents one digit between 0 and F, in BCD each nibble represents a digit between 0 and 9. It is therefore fairly easy to see that a single byte is limited to a maximum value of 99

This is no problem because we can easily string together as many bytes as we like When it comes to displaying the number it is fairly simple to mask off the relevant nibble and display an ASCII character We will be presenting an article in the not too far distant future with a collection of small but useful routines and this will hopefully include a set of BCD arithmetic subroutines (if I get round to writing them)

There is a slight variation on the BCD principle which I have never seen anyone else use which is to have just one digit per byte While this takes up twice the storage it does allow for very fast addition subtraction and display and the digits can be held as ASCII (30H to 39H) rather than straight binary allowing the display routine to simply copy them directly to the screen This is very useful for applications like game score displays although not so good for general calculations

Another problem with conversion from decimal to binary is that of negative numbers Negative numbers are often taken for granted but they are in fact one of the most abstract concepts employed by the human race Abstract concepts and computers normally mix like oil and water but for once there is a reasonable easy solution to the problem

If we consider a single word within the computer (although the principle applies across the board) we would normally expect to be able to hold a number from 0 to 65535 (a number that will fairly soon be engraved on your memory!)

Negative numbers

If on the other hand we sacrifice the most significant bit (the left hand one) to represent either positive (set to zero) or negative (set to one) we end up with a range from 32767 (7fffH or 0111111111111111b) to −32768 (8000H or 1000000000000000b) This we have already touched on and is fairly straightforward What is a little less obvious is how to convert from negative decimal to binary and back again For example how about −53? It is actually a fairly simple process First convert the number to binary ignoring the minus sign This gives 00110101b (using a byte cos it means less typing) Next find the one s complement of this number (in other words convert the ones to zeros and vice versa This is easiest done in assembler by exclusive oring with ffH) giving 11001010b Then add one giving in this case 11001011b This I sincerely hope is the binary equivalent of −53 To convert back the process is exactly opposite

Now a quick jump back to the test of branch instructions Normally branches the method outlined above for negative number using the byte following the branch as an addition to the current PC value giving a range of 127 to −128 bytes (NB from the start of the FOLLOWING instruction) There is a special case however whereby the branch is prefixed by the letter L making it a long branch The range is now 32767 or −32768 or in other words the entire memory map This applies to any branch instruction available Do not lose any sleep over calculating lengths of offsets for branches because (a) it will make no difference if a long branch is used for a jump of 10 bytes except using up an extra byte of RAM and (b) the assembler will pick out any short branches that should be long branches As a rule of thumb use short branches throughout and change any that the assembler throws out to long branches

Now after that nice easy start something to get you thinking (maybe — I was not thinking when I wrote it) Addressing modes Just those two words have been known to make strong men weep although it is in fact a fairly simple subject I will cover the basics this month and get more complex as and when we use them in routines

Addressing modes

The addressing mode of an instruction is used by the 6809 to determine where to pick up or place the data for that instruction The 6809 has a larger and more complex range of these modes then almost any other chip barring some of the bigger sixteen and thirty two bit monsters I will cover each mode and its uses although not all instructions can be used for all addressing modes As we cover each instruction the range of available addressing for that instruction will be given The addressing modes are as follows

Inherent Not an addressing mode as such This means that all necessary information is included within the instruction itself This covers instructions like INCA which adds one to (increments) the A register

Immediate In this case the required data is taken from the byte (or word) following the op-code This has the advantage of speed of execution as the source address has already been calculated and is in the PC register This is common to most other processors but as we will cover later the 6809 is unique in allowing the programmer to access these address calculations and use them to produce TOTALLY relocable code and data (try that on your 6502!!) This can be fairly complex so we will devote an article to it In assembler source code immediate data is always prefixed by the # symbol as in ADDA #10 which adds ten to the A register

Extended (or absolute) Possibly the most commonly used mode this uses the word following the op code as an address from which to gather the data (or as an address to which to write the data) In the source code this is shown as a number with no prefix or more commonly as a label (For example LDA 32767 would load the A register with the value stored at address 32767 but LDA SCORE is much clearer SCORE having been previously defined by use of one of the assembler directives that we might cover next month

Direct This is much the same as Extended but uses a single byte following the op-code as the low byte of the address and the contents of the DP register as the high byte This is quicker to execute and takes up a byte less storage making it ideal for applications where there is a lot of data in a 256 byte area Can be tricky making sure the DP register has the right value in without wasting more store than you save

Relative Used (to the best of my knowledge) exclusively for branches jumps and calls relative addressing uses the contents of the byte or word following the op-code plus the contents of the PC register to calculate the address which is normally then transferred back into the PC register Again this can be used to make code totally relocatable but more of that later At the source code level this simply means that all that is specified is the target address and the assembler will calculate the offset needed

Indexed Again with indexed addressing the 6809 stands head and shoulders above a lot of other processors in that it has two sixteen bit index registers allowing access to the entire memory map without having to worry about base addresses With this mode the processor calculates the address form the word following the op-code plus the contents of the specified index register (either X or Y) For example LDA 1000 X will if the X register contains 24 load the A register with the contents of location 1024 or the first byte on the text screen This in itself is very handy but there s more! If the register name is preceded or followed by either one or two pluses or minuses the processor will use either auto increment or auto decrement modes which means that for example, LDA 1000 X+ will if X contains 24 as previously load the first byte of the text screen into A then increment the X register leaving it containing 25 Conversely LDA 1000 +X will increment the X register first loading A with the contents of the second byte on the text screen and the X register containing 25 This is incredibly useful for accessing tables of information cleaning screens and about a million and one other things

Indirect When an indirect instruction is issued the target (or source) address is the contents of the address contained in the word following the op-code This is useful for things like tables of jump vectors For example a program might display a menu of options accept a number for the user multiply it by two (as each address takes up two bytes) placing the result in the X register and then use an instruction like CALL (JMPVCT X) Note the combination of addressing modes here This is actually indexed indirect and the combination of modes can get quite stunning as it is also possible to use auto increment et al Indirect on its own is not much use although it is possible to find situations where it could be used However for each such situation it is generally possible to find a more efficient method of gaining the same results

Well that about wraps it up Sorry about the lack of assembler directives (again!) but they are coming soon Next month among the excuses for the lack of assembler directives we (yes we — Jason will be working again if I can think up a dire enough threat) will cover some more computer arithmetic

Dragon dialects

***Brian Cadge** grabs his phrasebook and learns to parlez Pascal*

IN THIS new series of articles we will be taking a look a some of the various languages available for the Dragon computers as alternatives to the built-in Basic

This month we start off by looking at the language Pascal For the purposes of this article I used Lucidata Pascal from Compusense which runs under the Flex operating system Pascal was developed as a general purpose educational language by Nik Wirth in the late 1960 s Wirth intended Pascal to be used to teach structured systematic programming and hence the basis of the language is tailored to this style of programming

The Basic approach to programming — that is given a problem sit down at the keyboard and write a program attempts to solve the problem by a mixture of inspiration and a lot of trial and error While this approach can work for relatively very simple problems it is entirely inadequate for finding solutions to programs of any real complexity What is needed is a systematic approach to the problem breaking it down into smaller and smaller steps until each step has a straight forward programming solution This basically is the theory behind structured programming

Before diving into the realms of the language take a look at the (very simple) complete Pascal program shown in figure 1

```
PROGRAM factors (INPUT,OUTPUT);

VAR number, divisor, numofdivs . INTEGER·

BEGIN
  WRITE('Enter a number between 2 and 999  '); READ(number)
  WRITELN  WRITELN('Factors of ',number:4,' are.'),
  numofdivs ·= Ø·
  divisor := Ø;
  WHILE divisor <  number DIV 2 DO
    BEGIN
      IF number MOD divisor = Ø
      THEN BEGIN
             WRITELN(divisor:3, number DIV divisor·4);
             numofdivs := numofdivs+1
           END;
      divisor :  divisor+1
    END,
  WRITELN;
  IF numofdivs > Ø
  THEN WRITELN(numofdivs.4,' divisors found')
  ELSE WRITELN('No divisors found - ',number:3,' is prime')
END.
```

Figure 1 A simple Pascal program

Basic structure

This shows the basic structure of a Pascal program In this example I have shown Pascal commands in uppercase and variables in lowercase for clarity — Pascal makes no distinction between upper and lowercase (although Lucidata Pascal does have the facility to do this)

The first line in a Pascal program always gives the name of the program (factors) optionally followed by the files to be used — here only the default keyboard and screen are used (Input and Output) Following this come constant type variable procedure and function definitions In the example program there are no constants procedures or functions so only the variables used need be declared after the VAR command Variable declaration before use is an important element of structured programming implicit declaration is not allowed We shall see later that there is a lot more to Pascal variables than it at first may seem

Programs are made up of blocks of code — the whole program is the outer top level block next come procedures and functions followed by procedures within procedures and so on The lowest level block is an actual series of statements enclosed between the keywords BEGIN and END Pascal does not use line numbers and the semicolons are only used to separate commands for the compiler (they are not the same as colons in Basic) Therefore with an IF THEN for example if more than one command follows the THEN part then they must be enclosed in BEGIN END as shown in the Factors program

Block nesting can be taken to any reasonable level in this program there are only three levels — the main program block the WHILE loop block and the IF THEN block Blocks can be thought of as representing the simplication of a problem into smaller and smaller parts

Anything to declare?

Pascal is an example of a "strongly typed language What this means is that all variables must be declared together with their type before being used Operations that can be performed on one type cannot be performed on another Special exceptions to this are the so-called overloaded operators (such as + and ') which can operate on a variety of types (such as integer and floating point)

Basic has only two built-in types these are numeric (floating point) and string (character) Pascal has 4 simple types built in these are "interger (16 bit numbers) real" (floating point) char (single ascii character) and "boolean (true or false

Lucidata Pascal also has the additional simple types "byte for byte integers and "alfa for a string of eight characters For efficient programs it is obviously necessary to use the most appropriate type of variable integer arithmetic is a lot faster than using floating point for example

Define your types

As well as the simple built-in types Pascal allows you to define your own types to a limited extent Often it may be necessary to deal with entities in programs (such as colours for example) In Basic we might use a series of variables assigned RED=1 YELLOW=2 GREEN=3 and so on Then within the program we can say IF PAIN=RED THEN This is an example

```
CONST maxnamelen = 1Ø·
      maxorders = 25Ø

TYPE name = PACKED ARRAY [1..maxnamelen] OF CHAR;
     order = RECORD
                customer . name,
                partno, quantity : INTEGER;
                price · REAL·
                instock : BOOLEAN
              END;
     daybook   ARRAY [1  maxorders] OF order·

VAR todaysorders   daybook
    ordfile : FILE OF order;
```

Figure 2 Pascal type definitione

of an "enumerated" type in Pascal. The equivalent would be declared as

```
TYPE COLOURS = (RED,
YELLOW, GREEN);
VAR PAINT : COLOURS;
```

The advantage in Pascal is that the variable "paint" can only take the values red, yellow and green and not just any numeric value as in Basic. Also you are prevented from performing arithmetic on enumerated types.

Record definitions

Pascal, like Basic, has multidimension arrays of any type. Unlike Basic the array is not the only data structure available to us. One of the most powerful features of Pascal is its "record" definitions. A record is a data structure consisting of a fixed number of components of various types. For example if we needed to deal with customer orders which consisted of customer name, part number, quantity, price etc. Then in Basic the only solution would be several arrays such as NAME$, PART, QUANTITY etc. In Pascal a record type could be defined followed by an array of these records. **Figure 2** is an example of this type of definition which also shows the use of constants in definitions.

"Order" is defined as a record type which consists of the elements mentioned previously. The type "Daybook" is then defined as an array of order records. Note that type definitions do not declare variables, only types of variables — it is then necessary to declare a variable such as "todaysorders" of the type "daybook". "Ordfile" declares a filetype consisting of orders so that todaysorders may be read and written to disk as whole records.

To access a particular field of a record we use, for example

todaysorders[5].partno := 88;

That is the record name followed by a fullstop followed by the field name. Some versions of Pascal allow the following type of command

WITH todaysorders[5] DO BEGIN partno:=88; price:=1.08 END;

This saves the programmer from having to type todays orders[5]. before each field name of a particular record. Although this is a very useful function Lucidata pascal does not support it.

As mentioned earlier, Pascal is a block structured language, hence procedures may be declared and may be nested. The Basic "GOSUB" can be thought of as a very simple equivalent to the Pascal procedure. I will only deal with procedures here but Pascal functions can be thought of as procedures which return values — procedures are called as new commands, functions are called as expressions: X=F(S).

In Basic a variable may be used at any point in the program and there is only ever one version of a particular variable. In Pascal, variables (or more formally "identifiers") have what's known as "scope", "binding" and "environments". A procedure may use its own variable which are not accessable by any other part of the program and whose values are not kept between calls to the procedure. These are known as "local" variables. Local variables may have the same name as variables in the main program ("global" variables) or as local variables in other procedures. Pascal allows recursion by the use of local variables — a new version of the variables is instantiated for each recursive call of the procedure.

The "scope" of a variable is that part of a program in which it may be accessed. When a variable name appears more than once, for example as a global variable and a local variable in a procedure, it is said to be "bound" to the current block. The variable exists only as long as the block in which it is declared is active. The environment of a block is the surrounding blocks in which it may access variables. The environments of all procedures include the main program (as this encloses all procedures) and also includes any procedures which enclose the procedure in the program text.

To clarify all this, take a look at **figure 3**; this is a completely useless Pascal program but demonstrates the various scopes etc of variables.

Figure 3 Variable scopes and bindings

```
PROGRAM xxx;

VAR main : INTEGER;

PROCEDURE p (param:INTEGER);
VAR localp : INTEGER;
    flagp : BOOLEAN;

  PROCEDURE q (main:BOOLEAN);
  VAR localq : INTEGER;
  BEGIN (* q *)
   main:=TRUE;
   localq:=1;
   localp:=10
  END;

 BEGIN (* p *)
  q(flagp)
 END;

 BEGIN (* main program *)
  main:=1; p(main)
 END.
```

Binding declaration

Here the variable "main" is declared as a global integer variable and as a local (boolean) variable for the procedure "Q" — it is declared as the parameter passed to "Q". Hence when the procedure "Q" is entered "main" receives a new "binding" to the boolean value and the global value of "main" cannot be accessed within "Q". When "Q" ends "main" restores its binding to the global integer value.

"Localq" is a local variable of the procedure "Q" and so cannot be accessed by any other part of the program. Similarly "Localp" is a local variable of procedure "P" but as procedure Q's environment includes procedure "P" (it is enclosed by it) it may access P's local variables. Notice that the main program can call procedure P but cannot call procedure Q directly (it surrounds P but does not directly surround Q).

All this binding, environments and scopes may seem confusing at first, but with a little practice you'll wonder how you ever coped with Basic's variables.

I can only begin to touch on some of the many features of Pascal in an article of this size. There hasn't been room to mention the "heap" and pointer variables, but it is worth mentioning some of the particular features of Lucidata Pascal. Programs are written as standard text files onto a Flex disc, then compiled into a "P code" binary file. "P codes" are opcodes for a theoretical computer which the runtime program interprets and executes. The result is an impressively fast program which is stored more compactly on disc than stand alone machine code. My only complaint is that the compiler does not recover well from program errors when compiling: once the initial error has been reported a large number of spurious error messages may apear before the compiler gets back on the "right track". There are plenty of standard methods for error recovery in compilers (such as Turner's Algorithm) and it's a pity that Lucidata do not seem to have used one.

Lucidata Pascal

Lucidata Pascal has a number of very useful string handling procedures predefined for the programmer (strings are traditionally the most weak area of Pascal) as well as some sophisicated file handling commands to access both sequential and random access Flex files. A potentially very useful feature is the "overlay" procedure which allows very large programs to be run by swapping in and out blocks of code during execution.

The accompanying manual gives a summary of all the features available and plenty of detail on non standard additions to the language. There is also a large section on the internal implementation of the software to allow you to customise the run time system by adding new built in procedures (commands) etc. This section is certainly not for the novice and some knowledge of compiler construction is useful here.

In all important respects Lucidata Pascal conforms to the ISO Pascal Standard and most textbook programs will run without change. A number of demonstration programs are included on the disk. These are all rather elementary but do demonstrate some of the unique features of the implementation.

If this has whetted your appetite for more then there are plenty of books to be found on the Pascal Language. A few of the better ones to look out for are as follows:

PASCAL: An Introduction to Methodical Programming by Findlay and Watt

PASCAL User Manual by Jensen and Wirth

Programming in PASCAL by Peter Grogono

System used: *LUCIDATA PASCAL* from Compusense — £90
Requires FLEX operating System (64K — Minimum 1 Disk Drive)

If you've got a technical question write to Brian Cadge. Please do not send a SAE as Brian cannot guarentee to answer individual inquiries

Dragon Answers

THE CHANGE of style this month is not a new format — it's thanks to the Postie who seems to have swallowed Brian Cadge's communique. Brian's faithful Dragon coughed up another copy of Dragon Answers but not copies alas of the original questions. Brian has written a summary of the questions from memory — we hope you recognise your own problems!

Delta DOS

I HAVE a Dragon and Delta DOS and have transferred much of my software to disc. However some games will not run if Delta is attached even though I can load them from disc and then relocate them. Is it possible to switch out Delta once the software has loaded from disc?

Andie Warner

IF YOU add the following lines of assembly language to your routine to relocate code it should allow most programs to run as if Delta Dos was not attached

```
LDX  #40253
STX  269
LDX  #48165
STX  272
LDA  #57
STA  377
```

What this does is to reset the interrupt vectors and also stops Delta from intercepting commands

Interface

I'VE recently obtained a Tandy Coco disc drive and interface. Unfortunately the interface does not seem to work with my Dragon. Is there a simple way of making it compatible and if not where can I get a suitable controller?

Adrian Rothery

THE TANDY disc interface is certainly not compatible with the Dragon and there is no simple way to remedy this (you would have to change the ROM software to operate the cartridge with the Dragon)

However Tandy disc drives are otherwise standard 5 inch drives and can be used with any suitable Dragon disc interface. Try contacting FNF Communications on 0273 514405 they can supply Dragondos compatible controllers for £70

Extra RAM

I HAVE had a Dragon 64 for a couple of years and would like to know if it is possible to use the extra 32K of RAM to store graphics screens when in 32K mode (with Dragondos)

Is this possible from Basic as I am a complete novice when it comes to machine code?

Gary Bell

TO USE the extra RAM for this purpose is not possible directly from Basic however the program listed below will allow you to save and retrieve screens using the USR command from basic

The routine automatically looks at the current graphics mode — where it starts and how much RAM is used and transfers this to the extra RAM at the offset given in the USR command. USR0 is used to store the screen USR1 to retrieve it. There's room for 5 PMODE 3 4 screens or 10 PMODE 1/2 screens or a mixture of both. For example to save a screen on display at an offset of 6K in the extra RAM use X=USR0(6144) and then to retrieve it later use X=USR1(6144). The offset should be in the range 0 to 29400

```
10 SAVE/LOAD GRAPHICS FOR
   64K
20 CLEAR 200 32700
30 FOR   I=32701   TO
   32740 READ   A$ POKE
   I VAL("&H"+A$) NEXT
40 DEF   USR0=32701 DEF
   USR1=32718
50 DATA 8D 1C A0 A6 A7 80
   10 9C 07, 25 F7 07 FF
   0E 1C EF 39
60 DATA 8D 08 A 08 A7 A0
   10 9C 07 25 F7 20 E0
   8D 08 29 0A
70 DATA 8D 1F 01 10 0E 0A
   1A 10 07 FF 0F 39
```

Graphics

I HAVE been mucking about with the Dragon's semi-graphics modes. Could you please tell me how I can implement these modes while using my Cumana drive without corrupting the disk workspace

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THE easiest way to set up the start address of the screen display is to use the normal Dragon Basic commands PMODE and SCREEN followed by pokes to set up the semi-graphics mode. For example to set up mode 24 starting at the first graphics page you could use the following lines

```
10 PMODE 4 1 SCREEN 1 0
20 POKE   &HFF22   (PEEK(&
   HFF22) AND 7)
```

New line

I HAVE recently obtained a printer for my Dragon computer but when I list a program all I get is a one long string of output — how can I make the printer start a new line at the every listed line?

K Moss

THIS question appears more regularly than most others (it's even more popular than the speed up poke) but is worth repeating occasionally for the benefit of new readers. The solution is to type the following immediately after powering up your Dragon

POKE 155 80 (or 40 — number chars per line)
POKE 328 255 POKE 330 2

If this causes a blank line between each listed line then miss out the POKE 330 2. If this still doesn't work then POKE loc 331 with your printers code for carriage return and loc 332 with the code for linefeed

Routines

I AM trying to add some new commands to Basic and want to make use of some of the routines in the Delta DOS ROM. Can you tell me where I can obtain details of these routines?

K McCandlish

TO MY knowledge the routine documentation for Delta/Cumana DOS has not been published and I have very little information on this DOS. Perhaps one of our readers has worked through the ROM and could help Mr McCandlish?

'Windows' solution

OVER a year after the Dragon Windows program was published (July 1985) I am still getting letters about it so can I take this opportunity to answer all the queries in one go!

Due to a minor bug in the listing the program may occasionally crash on some machines. The solution is to add the following line to the Basic loader program

```
8 POKE 31814 142
```

Windows cannot be used in 64K mode on a Dragon 64 as it uses a number of ROM calls, but will operate in 32K mode. Finally many people have asked about using the software with Dragondos. There is no simple way of changing the loader to operate with Dragondos; a disk version has been written but this is a completely rewritten version and is not due to be published in *Dragon User*

Screen Designer

***Dennis Riley** text colour and graphics to create designer screens*

THANKS TO ALL of the recent articles on machine coding in particular the Firmware series in *Dragon User* I now find that programs in machine code are getting easier to write successfully However this left the problem of wanting programs to Auto-run fortunately solved by Brian Cadge (Dragon Answers Aug 85) and to displaying a customised screen while loading Hence Screen Designer

Screen Designer allows a text screen to be built up using all of the graphics characters colours and the majority of the text characters (some are used as function keys) A screen may be saved and reloaded so that it may be re used or modified Text colours and graphics characters can be edited and manipulated on screen to produce the desired effect A program can be saved and made to Auto run displaying the screen created and the program secured in that pressing RESET will re-execute the program

Entering the program

Two methods to enter the program are given **Listing 1** gives a listing of the machine code which can be poked into memory using the Basic loader provided (**listing 3**) which will allow you to enter the code in stages Just enter as much as you like and CSAVE then on re starting CLOADM and continue from where you left off

Listing 2 gives the Alldream assembler listing It will be noticed from this listing that the program starts with a short piece of code which relocates the program to its workspace at loc 30001 This has been included as an example the need for which will be given later

When the program has been successfully entered save the program using

CSAVEM "DESIGNER", &H0600 &H0CC1, &H0600

The program can now be run using

CLOADM "DESIGNER" EXEC

Program operation

On running the program a Menu of options is given

1) **Create Screen** This option is used to build up the required text screen and uses a number of function keys On entering this option you will be faced with a green screen with a flashing cursor in the top left hand corner Green is the default background colour (this is Graphics Green Code 143 and not text Green Code 32) this colour can be changed using the $ key by pressing the $ key the colour will change for each press and with the exception of the black screen a cursor will again appear when text or a character is entered on to the screen or the cursor is moved

The cursor can be positioned anywhere on the screen without destroying existing text or characters by using the arrow keys Auto-repeat is incorporated into the program to facilitate movement of the cursor and entering text or characters

Text can be entered on to the screen as normal and deleted using the CLEAR key it will be noticed that both the CLEAR key and SPACEBAR take on the background colour

Graphics Characters are placed on the screen under the cursor using the @" key repeated pressing of this key will change the character shape

The colour of the character under the cursor can be changed using Shift @ again repeated pressing will change the colour and the selected colour will remain in operation until altered

Both the character shape and the colour are stored into memory and can be repeated any where on the screen using the "+ key here the auto-repeat makes light work of borders though these are best left until last

To help in the design of the screen there are six scrolling functions the Shift arrow keys will scroll the whole screen in the appropriate direction and by using the > and < keys the individual line containing the cursor can be scrolled left or right

Colour

The colour of all of the characters on screen can be altered using the & key without affecting any text However as the colour of the space and delete will still be the original background colour the use of this function is best left until a screen is completed

The final function uses the % key and this will invert the character under the cursor to obtain characters not normally available from the keyboard i e inverse numerals

The BREAK key will return to the Menu and as the screen is saved to memory obviously any previous screen will be lost

2) **Display Screen** This option will display the screen held in memory either one that is being worked on or one that has been loaded into memory All of the described functions apply to this option

3) **Save Screen** Here a screen can be saved to tape and therefore a library of screens can be built up or an unfinished screen can be saved for future work to be done on it

4) **Load Screen** Loads a previously saved screen back into memory together with the original background colour and the last character colour used for use with the spacebar and delete

Options 6 and 7 turn the motor on and off respectively this is to allow for the cleaning and or positioning of tapes The BREAK key used from menu will return to basic

Auto-running

Option 5 will convert a machine code program into one that will Auto run and will display the screen chosen while loading There are however some very important conditions which must be met for this to be successful

The source program must have been saved using

CSAVEM "TITLE", N1, N2, N3

Where

N1 is the start address of &H0600 Programs must start at this address Any program needing a higher workspace can be relocated using a similar method to the example given

N2 is the end address of the program while in the graphics area

Most importantly N3 is the address from which the source program is to be executed (EXED d) when it is in its required work space even if this means that the EXEC address is higher than the end address If N3 points to some other address it may result in the program crashing and pressing reset instead of re-executing the program will certainly cause it to crash Ideally the EXEC address (N3) will be the same as the address JMP d to in the relocation program Of course if the program is to remain in the graphics area so much the better

An example would be if Screen Designer itself were to be saved using Screen Designer

Firstly the program would be loaded and executed it is now in its workspace at loc 30001 However as Screen Designer does not use Hires the original program is still in the Graphics area this can now be saved using

CSAVEM "AUTODESN", &H0600, &H0CC1, &H7971

If the program is now saved using Screen Designer it will Auto run on loading

As can be seen from the assembler listing the relocation of code is very simple for anyone using the Alldream assembler as there are two directives ORG and PUT which do the job for them

Anyone referring to Brian Cadges piece on Auto running machine code will see that he has given a little piece of code that should start any auto run program with Screen Designer However this is unnecessary as this code is already taken care of

The first piece of code at the execution address should be a NOP this is so that if the reset button is pressed the program will re execute if a NOP is not present a cold start will occur

Option 5 includes prompts where the motor is turned on or off to enable tapes to be correctly positioned

Hints and tips

Most of the code used in this program was gleaned from the pages of Dragon User at some time or another particularly in regard to logic instructions (Bruce Devlin D U Jan 84)

The routine called using the & key loads each character in turn from the text screen into the A accumulator a text character is by-passed but a graphics character has its value increased by 16 to alter its colour The A accumulator is then OR d with #128 (&H80) to ensure that a graphics and not a text character results

In Twos complement arithmetic numbers 0 127 represent positive numers (bit 7 is not set) and numbers 128-255 represent negat ve numbers (bit 7 is set) also not by coincidence numbers 0 127 represent text characters whereas numbers 128 255 are graphics characters Therefore by using TST and the conditional branches BMI and as in this case BPL it is possible to distinguish between graphics and text characters and Branch accordingly

The previously described routine if used as a subroutine can do wonders for Menus or any text page that is waiting for a prompt **Listing 4** gives a short example a little over the top maybe but it does demonstrate what can be done to liven up a screen

All of the I/O functions are from Brian Cadge s "Firmware Series"

Entering machine code especially without an assembler can be laborious so I will provide a copy of the program for £2 Write to Dennis Riley 21 Cotmore Road Wortley Leeds LS12 4DF I will answer general questions about the program but please send a stamped self addressed envelope

Listing one machine code data

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0600   CE752110C0813BECA1ED = 1125
060A   8130BEDF2EF77E7B7108 = 1269
0614   31022222340525277A2A = 591
061E   7A297A797A7E7A4E7214 = 1093
0628   7ABD7AC31F208375325E = 1078
0632   32753A1F026EB24BD7A0 = 1016
063C   1F2082755959C3757A1F = 969
0646   026EB4120A5E09080240 = 439
0650   13EE0C245F5E155D3C3E = 592
065A   2625779277A377C477B4 = 1236
0664   7A7077D477F678167827 = 1331
066E   79427963798C798579E4 = 1220
0678   79127932794D796E4900 = 810
0682   FF308F0C000052455749 = 769
068C   4E4420534F5552434520 = 675
0696   5441504520544F205254 = 692
06A0   41525420414E44205052 = 668
06AA   45535320656E74657220 = 841
06B4   544F204C4F4144004C4F = 638
06BE   41442044455354494E41 = 685
06C8   54494F4E205441504520 = 676
06D2   414E4420202020202020 = 435
06DC   505245535320656E7465 = 857
06E6   7200504F534954494F4E = 743
06F0   2044455354494E415449 = 709
06FA   4F4E205441504520414E = 662
0704   44202020505245535320 = 593
070E   656E7465720053455420 = 810
0718   544F205245434F524420 = 674
0722   5448454E205052455353 = 732
072C   20656E7465722020544F = 801
0736   20534156452050524F47 = 679
0740   52414D004D454E550020 = 565
074A   20312E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 449
0754   2E2E2E2E2E2E42554E41 = 559
075E   54415220534352454E0D = 646
0768   20322E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 436
0772   2E2E2E2E2E2E44422050 = 520
077C   4C41592053435245454E = 710
0786   0D20332E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 404
0790   2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 460
079A   53415645205343524545 = 705
07A4   4E0D2020342E2E2E2E2E = 437
07AE   2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 460
07B8   2E4C4F41442053435245 = 667
07C2   454E0D2020352E2E2E2E = 461
07CC   2E2E2E52415645204154 = 661
07D6   4F4E20544F2050524F47 = 713
07E0   52414D0D2020362E2E2E = 493
07EA   2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 460
07F4   2E2E2E2E2E2E4D4F544F = 595

07FE   52204F4E0D2020372E2E = 495
0808   2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 460
0812   2E2E2E2E2E2E4D4F544F = 595
081C   52204F46460D20204252 = 558
0826   45414B2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 531
0830   2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E2E = 460
083A   2E2E515549540053454C = 642
0844   454354204E554D424552 = 709
084E   20524551554952454400 = 641
0858   5659EC656E616C653A2D = 326
0862   00726176696E673A2D2D = 736
086C   FF00FF00FF00FF00FE28 = 1314
0876   3089208C05FF1022029E = 826
0880   9F381602999E892098E0 = 1174
088A   8C04C610250E8D9F8816 = 657
0894   02899E023C1F3C040010 = 671
089E   25027D9F981602789E99 = 997
08A8   30019C05FF1023026D9F = 769
08B2   881602620CEFFE240FCA = 1222
08BC   20F775A2FA7BD99E98E7 = 1769
08C6   948D000627FB814027E8 = 1209
08D0   16022A26F0F778D9F67B = 1502
08DA   D9CB10C17022F2F778D9 = 1604
08E4   FA75A29E88E7948D8006 = 1509
08EE   27FB811210260227 20E0 = 805
08F8   9E29F675A2FA78D9E794 = 1772
0902   30013F881602159E289C = 922
090C   04001027020CB678D881 = 722
0916   7F26028B01A784A7229F = 1062
0920   881601FAC680F77CD8BD = 1510
092A   8A797A7BD98D200627FB = 1381
0934   8124102601E4F67BD8C1 = 1226
093E   FF24E3C810F778D88DBA = 1699
0948   7920E4BD79B28E0400EC = 1251
0952   8820ED919C05E025F610 = 1202
095C   8E78DA8E05E0ECA1ED81 = 1617
0966   3C060025F71601808D79 = 939
0970   828E05FFA688E0A78430 = 1453
097A   1F8C041E22F4108E78DA = 982
0984   31A901E08E0400ECA1ED = 1223
098E   818C042025F71601878D = 936
0998   79828E0400C61FA601A7 = 1008
09A2   905A26F930018C060025 = 737
09AC   F08E041F108E78DAA6A4 = 1246
09B6   A78431A8203088208C06 = 910
09C0   0025F1160158BD79828E = 1019
09CA   05FFC61FA61FA784301F = 1064
09D4   5A26F7301F8C040022EE = 870
09DE   8E0400108E78DA31A81F = 893
09E8   A6A4A78421A820308820 = 1094
09F2   8C05E125F11601248D7A = 1018
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Listing one cont.

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09FC  213088E0E6843404C61F = 1088
0A06  A601A7805A26F93504E7 = 1127
0A10  8416010ABD7A21301FE6 = 818
0A1A  843404CE1FA61FA78430 = 961
0A24  1F5A26F73504E7841600 = 848
0A2E  EFBD79B28E0400A6844D = 1248
0A38  2A048B109A80A7808C06 = 908
0A42  0025F01600D69E88E684 = 1169
0A4C  CB40E7841600CE120F6F = 999
0A56  7F75A58DBA77BE040E9F = 1222
0A60  888E7662BD7A158E0460 = 1068
0A6A  9F888E7667BD7A158E05 = 1137
0A74  E59F888E775FBD7A158D = 1401
0A7E  800627FBF67531108E75 = 1111
0A88  32A1A01027FB9D5A26F7 = 1209
0A92  20E9BD7A0CBE0400108E = 892
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0AA6  F739108E04009E7BDAEC = 1185
0AB0  81EDA1108C060025F839 = 1029
0ABA  3426CCFFFFFD0150FD01 = 1392
0AC4  52FD0154FD0156FD0158 = 1102
0ACE  108E2328313F26FC35A6 = 854
0AD8  34127375A59E98A684B8 = 1195
0AE2  40A7849E0472301F26FC = 992
0AEC  35927D75A527038D79F6 = 1204
0AF6  333412A6808D800C4D26 = 865
0B00  F83592A6B01F10C41F26 = 1053
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0B1E  BD79D8BD79F6BDB00627 = 1444
0B28  F8610D27F4108E7568F6 = 1298
0B32  7567A1A01027FAFF5A26 = 1229
0B3C  F7BD7A0C81202609B67B = 1093
0B46  D8817F26028BC1ED800C = 981
0B50  20CC730149BD79B216FE = 1189
0B5A  FEBD79C620B4BD7AC9BD = 1675
0B64  BA778E04009F888E7781 = 1136
0B6E  BD7A158E797734108E7B = 1047
0B78  D88F01E734101F10C302 = 951
0B82  0234068C79711BF01E534 = 909
0B8C  107E991BBD7AC9BDB8B3 = 1396
0B96  8E0000BDB74815FEBABD = 1227
0BA0  88157E799BBD20187E79 = 1139
0BAA  388602B701D18775A3BD = 1342
0BB4  BA77CE77899E7776108E = 1304
0BBE  01D2BD7A15BD79F6BD80 = 1416
0BC8  0627F9210827D0810D27 = 870
0BD2  0EBD900CA7A0A7C07A75 = 1269
0BDC  A3270F20E28620A7A0A7 = 1135
0BE6  C07A75A326F72007BD79 = 1229
0BF0  F6810D26F939BD8A779E = 1369
0BFA  75A6BD7A15BD8015BD90 = 1270
0C04  06810D26F9BD8018BD7A = 1027
0C0E  C98D89B38E0000BDB749 = 1339
0C18  BF759EBE01E5BF75A0BD = 1543
0C22  BA778E75DABD7A158D80 = 1431
0C2C  06810D26F9BD8015BDBA = 1148
0C36  778E7606BD7A158D8006 = 1040
0C40  810D26F9BD8018BDBA77 = 1264
0C4A  8E7632BD7A15BD8006B1 = 1094
0C54  0D26F9BD7AC9BD79C68E = 1462
0C5E  020210CE7BC9A6A0A780 = 1106
0C68  4D26F9867EB701678E03 = 1056
0C72  00BF01688E7BB134108E = 948
0C7C  01678F01E734108E759E = 1060
0C86  34108E75A0BF01E52410 = 1024
0C90  7E99188639B701678EB4 = 1106
0C9A  4F9F728E0200C6104FA7 = 957
0CA4  805A26FB16FDAE8639B7 = 1330
0CAE  01673262BE01E59F727E = 1071
0CB8  060000000000FF00FF00 = 516
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Listing two Alldream assembler listing

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0600 0600              ORG   #0600
0600 8E7531            LDX   #30001
0603 108E0613          LDY   #THERE
0607 ECA1       MOVELP LDD   ,Y++
0609 ED81              STD   ,X++
060B 8C7BDF            CMPX  #07BDF
060E 26F7              BNE   MOVELP
0610 7E7971            JMP   START
0613 12         THERE  NOP
7531  7531             ORG   30001
7531                   PUT   THERE
7531 00         MNTBND FCB   0
7532 3103323334 MENTAB FCB   49 $03 50 51 52 53
7537 3637              FCB   54 55
753A 7A2A       MNFNTB FDB   CREATE
753C 7A29              FDB   RETURN
753E 7A79              FDB   DSPLAY
7540 7A7E              FDB   SAVE
7542 7AAE              FDB   LOAD
7544 7B14              FDB   AUTO
7546 7ABD              FDB   CASSON
7548 7AC3              FDB   CASOFF
754A 1F20       MNCALC TFR   Y,D
754C 837533            SUBD  #MENTAB+1
754F 58                LSLB
7550 C3753A            ADDD  #MNFNTB
7553 1F02              TFR   D,Y
7555 6EB4              JMP   [,Y]
7557 BD7A0C     TABCHK JSR   TESTFL
755A 1F20              TFR   Y,D
755C 837569            SUBD  #TABLE+1
755F 58                LSLB
7560 C3757A            ADDD  #TABSEL
7563 1F02              TFR   D,Y
7565 6EB4              JMP   [,Y]
7567 13         TABNUM FCB   19
7568 0A5E090003 TABLE  FCB   $0A $5E $09 $00 $03
756D 4013280C24        FCB   $40 19 $28 12 $24
7572 5F5B155D3C        FCB   $5F $5B $15 $5D $3C
7577 3E2625            FCB   $3E $26 $25
757A 7798       TABSEL FDB   DOWN
757C [illegible]       FDB   UP
757E [illegible]       FDB   RIGHT
7580 77B4              FDB   LEFT
7582 7A[illegible]     FDB   RTDMEN
7584 77D[illegible]    FDB   CHASEL
7586 77F[illegible]    FDB   COLSEL
7588 781[illegible]    FDB   REPEAT
758A 782[illegible]    FDB   DELETE
758C 7842              FDB   BACKSC
[illegible]            FDB   SCRLUP
[illegible]            FDB   SCRLDN
7592 788[illegible]    FDB   SCRLLF
[illegible]            FDB   SCRLRT
[illegible]
[illegible]            FDB   CLEAR
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]     OFFSET RMB   1
[illegible]     BKFL   FCB   [illegible]
[illegible]            FCC   READING SOURCE TAPE
[illegible]                  E [illegible] START [illegible] PR
[illegible]                  ESS enter TO LOAD
[illegible]
[illegible]                  [illegible] TEST [illegible]
[illegible]                  TAPE AND PR
[illegible]                  ESS enter TO
[illegible]                  [illegible] DESTINAT
[illegible]                  ION TAPE AND PR
[illegible]                  ESS enter [illegible]
[illegible]                  SET TO RECORD THE
[illegible]                  [illegible] PRE[illegible] enter [illegible]
[illegible]                  E PROGRAM
[illegible]                  MENU 0
[illegible]
[illegible]                  [illegible] FREE [illegible] 22
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7697 20                    FCB    32
7698 2020202E2E2E          FCC    /          DIS
76A0 504C4159 [illegible]  FCC    PLAY SCREEN  12 32
76A? 20                    FCB    32
76B? 2020202E2E2E          FCC    /
76B0 5241564520            FCC    SAVE SCREEN  12 32
76C? 20                    FCB    32
76C? 2420202E2E2E          FCC    /
76D? 4C4F414420            FCC    LOAD SCREEN  12 32
76E? 20                    FCB    32
76E5 2020202E2E2E          FCC    /         SAVE PR
76F? 52554E2050            FCC    RUN PROGRAM  12 32
7702 20                    FCB    32
7704 2020202E2E2E          FCC    /
7713 2E2E2E4D4F            FCC    /       MOTOR ON  12 32
7722 20                    FCB    32
7723 2020202E2E2E          FCC    /
772? 2E2E4D4F54            FCC    /      MOTOR OFF  12
774? 20                    FCB    32
774? 4?5?4 414B            FCC    BREAK
7753 2E2E2E2E2E2E          FCC    /           QUIT  0
775F 5?4?4C4?54    SELECT         SELECT NUMBER REQ
77?0 5?4?5?4               FCC    /UIRED  0
77?? 0?0?0 ?0?E    FILNAME        FCC    [illegible]
77?? ?0?       INBUFF  FNB        [illegible]
77?9           INBUFF  RMB    6
77?? ?0                    [illegible]
77?? 9E                    [illegible]
77?? ??                    LDX    [illegible]
77?? ?0?5FF                CMPX   #1?2?
77?? 1022??29              LBHI   RWT1
77?E 9F?9                  STX    $8?
77?? ?0?9?3                BRA    RWT1
77A9 9E8?          F       LDX    $88
77?5 ?0?0??                [illegible]
77A? 2?0?4                 [illegible]
77?E                       [illegible]
77??                       [illegible]
77E1 1?0?                  BRA    CRWT1
77BA 9E88          LEFT    LDX    $88
77B?                       LEA    -1
77BB                       CMPX   [illegible]
77BE 2?2?               BL     RWT
77B? 9F88                  STX    $88
77C1 16027?                LBRA   RWT1
77C4 9E88          RIGHT   LDX    $88
77C6 3001                  LEAX   1,X
77C8 ?C05FF                CMPX   #1535
77CB 1022026D              LBHI   CRWT1
77CF 9F88                  STX    $88
77D1 16020?                LBRA   CRWT1
77D4 C6FF          HASEL   LDB    #$FF
77D6 5C            CHWT01  INCB
77D7 C40F                  ANDB   #$0F
77D9 CA80                  ORB    #$80
77DB F775A2                STB    CHABUF
77DE FA78D9                ORB    COLBUF
77E1 9E88                  LDX    $88
77E3 E784                  STB    ,X
77E5 AD9F                  JSR    $A006
77E8 27FB                  BEQ    CHSLWT
77EA 8140                  CMPA   #$40
77EC 27E8                  BEQ    CHWT01
77EE 16025A                LBRA   CRWT2
77F1 C6F0          RSTCOL  LDB    #$40
77F3 F778D9                STB    COLBUF
77F6 F678D9        COLSEL  LDB    COLBUF
77F9 CB10                  ADDB   #16
77FB C170                  CMPB   #112
77FD 22F2                  BHI    RSTCOL
77FF F778D9                STB    COLBUF
7802 FA75A2                ORB    CHABUF
7805 9E88                  LDX    $88
7807 E784                  STB    ,X
7809 AD9F A0?  COLSLWT     JSR    $A006
780C 27FB                  BEQ    COLSLWT
780E 8112                  CMPA   #19
7810 1026023?              LBNE   CRWT2
7814 20C?                  BRA    [illegible]
     9E88          REPEAT  LDX    $88
7818 F675A2                LDB    CHABUF
781B FA78D9                ORB    COLBUF
781E E784                  STB    ,X
7820 3001                  LEAX   1,X
7822 9F88                  STX    $88
7824 160215                LBRA   CRWT1
782? 9E88          DELETE  LDX    $88
7829 8C0400                CMPX   #1024
782C 1027020C              LBEQ   RWT1
7830 B6 ED8                LDA    CHGSTR
7833 817F                  CMPA   #127
7835 2602                  BNE    NXTDEL
7837 8B01                  ADDA   #1
7839 A784          NXTDEL  STA    ,X
783B A782                  STA    ,-X
783D 9F88                  STX    $88
783F 1601F?                LBRA   CRWT1
7842 C680          BACKGD  LDB    #128
7844 F778D8                STB    CHGSTR
784? BD8A79                JSR    $8A79
784A 7A78D8                DEC    CHGSTR
784D BD8006        CHGWT1  JSR    $8006
7850 27FB                  BEQ    CHGWT1
7852 8124                  CMPA   #$24
7854 102601E4              LBNE   CRWT1
7858 F678D8                LDB    CHGSTR
785B C1FF                  CMPB   #255
785D 24E3                  BHS    BACKGD
785F CB10                  ADDB   #16
7861 F778D8                STB    CHGSTR
7864 BD8A79                JSR    $8A79
7867 20E4                  BRA    CHGWT1
7869 BD7982        SCRLUP  JSR    STRSCR
786C 8E0400                LDX    #1024
786F EC8820        SCUP 1  LDD    32,X
7872 ED81                  STD    ,X++
7874 8C05E0                CMPX   #1504
7877 25F6                  BLO    SCUPL1
7879 108E78DA              LDY    #SCRNBF
787D 8E05E0                LDX    #1504
7880 ECA1          SCUPL2  LDD    ,Y++
7882 ED81                  STD    ,X++
7884 8C0600                CMPX   #1536
7887 25F7                  BLO    SCUPL2
7889 16018?                LBRA   CRWT1
788C BD7982        SCRLDN  JSR    STRSCR
788F 8E05FF                LDX    #1535
7892 A688E0        SCDNL1  LDA    -32,X
7895 A784                  STA    ,X
7897 301F                  LEAX   -1,X
7899 8C041E                CMPX   #1054
789C 22F4                  BHI    SCDNL1
789E 108E78DA              LDY    #SCRNBF
78A2 31A801E0              LEAY   480,Y
78A6 8E0400                LDX    #1024
78A? ECA1          SCDNL2  LDD    ,Y++
78AB ED81                  STD    ,X++
78AD 8C0420                CMPX   #1056
78B0 25F7                  BLO    SCDNL2
78B2 160???                LBRA   CRWT1
78B5 BD7982        STRLEF  JSR    STRSCR
78B8 8E0400                LDX    #1024
78BB C61F          SCLFL2  LDB    #31
78BD A601          SCLFL1  LDA    1,X
78BF A780                  STA    ,X+
78C1 5A                    DECB
78C2 26F9                  BNE    SCLFL1
78C4 3001                  LEAX   1,X
78C6 8C0600                CMPX   #1536
78C9 25F0                  BLO    SCLFL2
78CB 8E041F                LDX    #1055
78CE 108E78DA              LDY    #SCRNBF
78D2 A6A4          SCLFL3  LDA    ,Y
78D4 A784                  STA    ,X
78D6 31A820                LEAY   32,Y
78D9 308820                LEAX   32,X
78DC 8C0600                CMPX   #1536
78DF 25F1                  BLO    SCLFL3
78E1 160158                LBRA   CRWT1
78E4 BD7982        SCRLRT  JSR    STRSCR
78E7 8E05FF                LDX    #1535
78EA C61F          SCRTL2  LDB    #31
78EC A61F          SCRTL1  LDA    -1,X
78EE A784                  STA    ,X
78F0 301F                  LEAX   -1,X
78F2 5A                    DECB
78F3 26F7                  BNE    SCRTL1
78F5 301F                  LEAX   -1,X
78F7 8C0400                CMPX   #1024
78FA 22EE                  BHI    SCRTL2
78FC 8E0400                LDX    #1024
78FF 108E78DA              LDY    #SCRNBF
7903 31A81F                LEAY   31,Y
7906 A6A4          SCRTL3  LDA    ,Y
7908 A784                  STA    ,X
790A 31A820                LEAY   32,Y
790D 308820                LEAX   32,X
7910 8C05E1                CMPX   #1505
7913 25F1                  BLO    SCRTL3
7915 160124                LBRA   CRWT1
7918 BD7A21        SCLNLF  JSR    CLCPOS
791B 3088E0                LEAX   -32,X
791E E684                  LDB    ,X
7920 3404                  PSHS   B
7922 C61F                  LDB    #31
7924 A601          SLNLF1  LDA    1,X
7926 A780                  STA    ,X+
792? 5A                    DECB
7929 26F9                  BNE    SLNLF1
792B 3504                  PULS   B
792D E784                  STB    ,X
792F 16010A                LBRA   CRWT1
7932 BD7A21        SCLNRT  JSR    CLCPOS
7935 301F                  LEAX   -1,X
7937 E684                  LDB    ,X
7939 3404                  PSHS   B
793B C61F                  LDB    #31
793D A61F          SLNRT1  LDA    -1,X
793F A784                  STA    ,X
7941 301F                  LEAX   -1,X
7943 5A                    DECB
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Listing two cont

```
7944 3EF                   [illegible]
7945 3504                  [illegible]
7949 E784                  STB   ,X
794A 1620EF                LBRA  CRWT1
794D BD790              HALT OL JSR   STRSCR
7950 8E                    LDX   #10PA
7953 A684               HALT PT LDA   ,X
7955 4C                    TSTA
7956 2A04                  BPL   PRTCHR
7958 8B10                  ADDA  #$10
795A 8A80                  ORA   #$80
795C A780               PRTCHR STA   ,X+
795E 10620                 CMP   #1536
7961 25F0                  BLO   ALTLP1
7963 16                    BRA   CRWT1
7966 9E88               DR HAP LDX   $88
7968 E684                  LDB   ,X
796A C940                  EORB  #$40
796C E784                  STB   ,X
796E 16                    LBRA  CRWAIT
7971 1                  RT    TDP
7973 F                     CLR   $FF
797  5A                    LBR   BLKF
797  BDEA               AE PRT JSR   $EA
797A 8E                    LDX   #1
797  EE                    T     $
797F 8E7862                LDX   #METIME
7982 BD7A15                JSR   SPRINT
7985 8E0460                LDX   #1120
7988 9F88                  STX   $88
798A 8E7667                LDX   #M12MES
798D BD7A15                JSR   SPRINT
7990 8E05E5                LDX   #1509
7993 9F88                  STX   $88
7995 8E775F                LDX   #SELMES
7998 BD7A15                JSR   SPRINT
799B BD9006             SLWAIT JSR   $8006
799E 27F8                  BEQ   SLWAIT
79A0 FC                    LDD   MNTEND
79A3 108E                  LDY   #MEM1TAB
79A  1                  M LOOP TFR   
79A9 10                    CMP   MEMEL
79AD 5A                    DECB
79AE 26F                   BNE   ML00P
79B0 20E                   BRA   SLWAIT
79B  BD                 TRS R  JSR   TESTF
79B  8E04               LDX   #1024
79B8 108E BDA              LDY   #SCRNBF
79BC EC81               ST  LP LDD   ,X++
79BE EDA                   STD   ,Y++
79C                        CMP   #15
79C                        BLO   ST LP
79C  39                    RTS
79C  108E               DISSTR LDY   #1024
79C  8E                    LDX   #SCRNBF
79CE EC                 DIS LP LDD   ,X++
79CF EDA1                  STD   ,Y++
79D1 1 8C0600              CMP   #1536
79D  25F                   BLO   DIS LP
79D                        RTS
79                      REPKE  PSHS  D
79E  FFFF                  LDD   #$FFFF
79E  FD0150                STD   $150
79E  FD0152                STD   $152
79E3 FD0154                STD   $154
79E6 FD0156                STD   $156
79E9 FD0158                STD   $158
79EC CC                 LELA 1 LDD   #9000
79F0                    ELOOP1 SUBD  -1
79F2 26F                   BNE   DLOOP
79F4 35                    PULS  D,PC
79F6                    BL  K  PSHS  A
79F                        COM   BLK
79FE 9E                    LDX   $88
79FC A684                  LDA   ,X
79FF 8                     EORA  #$40
7A01 A7                    STA
7A0                        LDD   #
7A0E 1                     LEA   -1
7A0  26                    BNE   BLK
7A  35                     P
7A                      E T    T     BLK
7A0  2                     BE    RT
7A11 BD                    JSR   BL
7A19 BD800C                JSR   $800
7A                         LDA   ,X+
7A                         STA
7A                         SPR
7A2  A                     P
7A                         TFR   D
7A  1F                     LDB   #1F
7A                         LDB   #14
7A                         STD   $
7A                         LDD   #1
7A3C BD790B             CRWT1  JSR   REPKEY
7A3F BD79F6             CRWAIT JSR   CBLINK
7A42 BD8006                JSR   $8006
7A45 27F8                  BEQ   CRWAIT
7A47 8100                  CMPA  #13
7A49 27F4                  BEQ   CRWAIT
7A4B 10BE7568           RAT2   LDY   #TABLE
7A4F F67567                LDB   TABNUM
7A52 A1                 HO P   CMPA  ,Y+
7A54 1027FAFF              LBEQ  TABCHK
7A58 5A                    DECB
7A53 26F                   BNE   THOLP1
7A5  BD7A                  JSR   TESTF
7A5  8122                  CMPA  #22
7A   2E09                  BLE   NTSPAC
7A62 BE7ED9                LDX   
7A                         INCA  #1
7A   2E                    BLE   NTSPAC
7A69 8E01                  
7A6B BD02                NTSPA JSR   $2
7A6E 20CC                  BRA   CRWT1
7A70 7201A9             RTOWEI COM   229
7A7  BD 9E3                JSR   STRSCR
7A76 16FEFE                LBRA  NEWPRT
7A79 BD7976             DISP A JSR   DISSCR
7A7  20E                   BRA   CREAT1
7A7E BD                 SAVE   JSR   GETNAM
7A81 BDEA                  JSR   $EA
7A84 8E0400                LDX   #$0400
7A   9F                    STX   $8
7A   8E                    LDX   #RAITNG
7A   BD  5                 JSR   SPRINT
7A   8E 9                  LDX   #MESPRT
7A   3410                  PSHS  X
7A                         LD    #LNGSTR
7A   BF01E                 STX   $01E
7A9A 1                     PSHS  X
7A   1                     TFR   X,D
7A E                       ADDD  #$14
7A                         PSHS  D
7A                         LDX   #START
7A   BF  E                 STX   $ES
7AA9                       PSHS  X
7AAB 7E  E                 JMP   $9145
7AAE BD  9              LOAD   JSR   GETNAM
7AB1 BDB                   JSR   $E2B
7AB4 C                     LDB   #
7AB  BDB                   JSR   $E7
7ABA 16FEBA                LBRA  EDPRT
7ABD BD8015                JSR   $8015
7A   7E 99E                JMP   SLWAIT
7A   BD8012             OFF    JSR   $8012
7AC5 7E799B                JMP   SLWAIT
7AC8 86                 GETNAM LDA   #$00
7A E   01C1                STA   $01C1
7ACE                       STA   COUNT
7AE1 BDEA                  JSR   $EA77
7AD4                       LDU   #NUMBUFF
7A                         LDX   #F NAME
7A                         LD    #$
7ACE BD  1                 JSR   SPRINT
7AE1 BD  F                 JSR   DELIA
7AE                        JSR   $
                           BEQ   FNWAIT
7AE                        CMPA  #$
7AEE                       BEQ   GET
7AF                        CMPA  #$
7AF                        BEQ   FILL
7AF1 BD80                  JSR   $800
7AF4 A7A0                  STA   ,Y+
7AF6 A7C0                  STA   ,U+
7AF8 7A75A                 DEC   COUNT
7AFB 270F                  BEQ   GTNMW2
7AFD 20E2                  BRA   FNWAIT
7AFF 8620               CSFILL LDA   #$20
7B01 A7A0               FILLP  STA   ,Y+
7B03 A7C0                  STA   ,U+
7B05 7A75A                 DEC   COUNT
7B08 26F7                  BNE   FILLP
7B0A 2007                  BRA   GTNMRT
7B0C BD79F6             GTNMW2 JSR   CBLINK
7B0F 810D                  CMPA  #$0D
7B11 26F9                  BNE   GTNMW2
7B13 39                 GTNMRT RTS
7B14 BDBA77             AUTO   JSR   $BA77
7B17 8E75                  LDX   #LDMESS
7B1A BD A15                JSR   SPRINT
7B1C BD8015                JSR   $8015
7B20 BD 00F             LOADNT JSR   $8006
7B23 8100                  CMPA  #1
7B   26F9                  BNE   LOADNT
7B   BD8012                JSR   $8012
7B2A BD7A                  JSR   GETNAM
7B2D BDB8B2                JSR   $B8B
7B30 7E                    
7B32 BD 742                JSR   $E74
7B36 BF 5E                 STX   XSTORE
7B39 BE01E5                LDX   $01E
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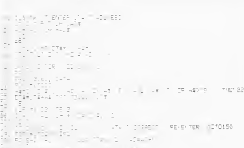
Listing two cont

```
[illegible]
7887 26F9              BNE   SAVELP
7889 867E              LDA   #$7E
788B B70167            STA   359
788E 8E0200            LDX   #$0200
7891 BF0168            STX   360
7894 8E7881            LDX   #SA END

7897 3410              PSHS  X
789A 8E0167            LDX   #359
[illegible]            PSHS  Y
[illegible]
                       BNE   SHLOOP
                       LBRA  MENPRT
                       FDB   [illegible]
                       FDB   [illegible]
                       FDB   $7E06
                       FCB   0
78D2 00                FCB   0
[illegible]
```

Listing three Basic loader for machine code



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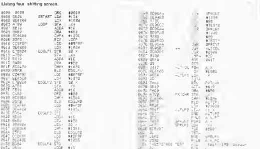
[illegible] ENTER [illegible]
[illegible] THEN 220
[illegible] RE-ENTER  GOTO150
[illegible] END
```

Listing four shifting screen



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0600  0600             ORG    #0600
0600 C686       GSTART LDA    #134
0602 8E0400            LDX    #1024
0605 A780       LOOP   STA    ,X+
0607 8B10              ADDA   #16
0609 8A80              ORA    #$80
060B 8C0600            CMPX   #1536
060E 25F5              BCS    LOOP
0610 CC9F8F            LDD    #$9F8F
0613 8E0400            LDX    #1024
0616 E78820     EDGLP1 STB    32,X
0619 A780              STA    ,X+
061B 8B10              ADDA   #16
061D 8A80              ORA    #$80
061F 8C0420            CMPX   #1056
0622 25F2              BLO    EDGLP1
0624 CC0F9F            LDD    #$2F9F
0627 8E05C0            LDX    #1472
062A E78820     EDGLP2 STB    32,X
062D A780              STA    ,X+
062F CB10              ADDB   #16
0631 CA80              ORB    #$80
0633 8C05E0            CMPX   #1504
0636 25F2              BLO    EDGLP2
0638 CCAF0F            LDD    #$AF9F
063B 8E0420            LDX    #1056
063E ED84       EDGLP3 STD    ,X
0640 8B10              ADDA   #16
0642 8A80              ORA    #$80
0644 308820            LEAX   32,X
0647 8C05E0            CMPX   #1504
064A 25F2              BLO    EDGLP3
064C CC8F9F            LDD    #$2F9F
064F 8E043E            LDX    #1086
0652 ED84       EDGLP4 STD    ,X
0654 CB10              ADDB   #16
0656 CA80              ORB    #$80
0658 308820            LEAX   32,X
065B 8C05E0            CMPX   #1504
065E 25F2              BLO    EDGLP4
0660 8E044A            LDX    #1098
0663 9F88              STX    $88
0665 8E06BE            LDX    #TEST

[illegible] BD06AA      [illegible] SPRINT
[illegible] 8E04EB      [illegible] #1259
[illegible] 9F88        [illegible] $88
[illegible] 8E06C2      [illegible] #TEST2
0673 BD06AA             [illegible] SPRINT
0676 8E05A8             [illegible] #1448
0679 9F88               [illegible] $88
067B 8E06CD             [illegible] #TEST3
067E BD06AA             JSR    SPRINT
0681 BD06B7     [illegible] JSR    ALTCOL
0684 BD8006             JSR    $8006
0687 8120               CMPA   #32
0689 26F6               BNE    WAIT
068B 39                 RTS
068C 3412       ALTCOL  PSHS   A,X
068E 8E0400             LDX    #1024
0691 A684       ALTLP1  LDA    ,X
0693 4D                 TSTA
0694 2A04               BPL    PRTCHR
0696 8B10               ADDA   #$10
0698 8A80               ORA    #$80
069A A780       PRTCHR  STA    ,X+
069C [illegible]        CMPX   #15[illegible]
069F [illegible]        BLO    ALTLP1
06A1 [illegible]        LDX    #20000
06A4 [illegible] ALTLP2 LEAX   -1,X
[illegible] [illegible] BNE    ALTLP2
[illegible] 3[illegible] PULS  A,X,PC
[illegible] [illegible] SPRINT PSHS A,X
[illegible] [illegible] SPRLP1 LDA ,X+
06AE [illegible]        JSR    $800[illegible]
[illegible] 4D          TSTA
[illegible] 26F2        BNE    SPRLP1
[illegible] 3592        PULS   A,X,PC
[illegible] [illegible]465737400 TEST  [illegible]  test 128 screen
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]    [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] TEST [illegible]  [illegible] 128 [illegible] 12-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]    [illegible] ciley 0
[illegible]
06CD [illegible]616[illegible] TEST3 [illegible] [illegible] 128 to
[illegible] [illegible]EF400 [illegible] 128 and 0
[illegible]
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Sound Ability

The Dragon makes more noise than you think, says ***Jonathan Bates***

I M SURE that at one time or other you may have been jealous of the seemingly superior sound ability of other microcomputers such as the BBC or Atari machines. But the Dragon s equally able to create similar and even more advanced sound effects than these micros.

The problem is that the Dragon s sound facility is harder to use as the other machines have specialist chips to handle their sound effects. But this is also a drawback for these machines as they are limited by the capabilities of their sound chips whereas the Dragon s sound is only limited by your imagination.

The Dragon has excellent capabilities and is not limited by an inbuilt speaker linked directly to a sound chip like the system adopted for the BBC. This means we can relay sound from tape to the speaker (AUDIO ON) and record sound digitally in memory a feature that is utilised in games such as *Tubeway Army* and *Dragrunner*. It is impossible to do this on the Beeb without adding additional hardware and so invalidating the warranty and risking damaging the machine.

Unfortunately the designers of the Dragon s basic interpreter did not utilise the sound capability to its full potential and only gave us a SOUND and PLAY command both of which are very limited and only give us one kind of note. I have written some short routines to demonstrate the potential of Dragon sound and although these routines are only the tip of the iceberg I think they will give you some inspiration to develop your own.

Analogue port

Listing 1 is a routine which uses the analogue port to free the sound generator. To use this bit four of location &FF23 must be set. This is done by ORing it with 8. Then the routine takes a number from the low byte of the timer at location 275 and keeps decrementing the B accumulator and storing the result in &FF20 the analogue port to which the sound generator is mapped causing the effects. Only the top six bits of this port are used and the value placed in those bits corresponds to the volume of the click relayed to the loudspeaker. The rest of **listing 1** increments the accumulator storing the result in &FF20 and after doing this 255 times the value in the accumulator returns to zero setting the zero flag. This bypasses the Branch Not Equal instruction and Branches to the start again repeating the process. This causes a pleasant sound effect which you can try yourself if you have an assembler otherwise try typing in **listing 4**. I have located this routine at address 20000 but it is completely relocatable.

Even more effective is **listing 2** which I call Wangys if you type it in you will see and hear why. This routine uses the hires screen memory and simply operates an Exclusive OR on the accumulator from each memory location leaves the result in that location and &FF20 and then moves on to the next location until it gets to the end of the screen. At this point it repeats itself. The Basic program after setting up mode four draws a circle fills it in and then runs the routine. Starting off with different shapes or patterns causes completely different sound effects so try replacing lines 20 to 90 with your own shapes. If you don t have an assembler try **listing 5**.

Listing 3 extends the Dragon s inbuilt sound command and should be used in addition with the commands already used. It causes a note with different buzzy harmonics and it can also be used very quickly as it is in lines 60 to 90 in the accompanying Basic demonstration program

The routine enables you to create a note of certain volume pitch and length The duration is controlled by the value in address ?4E60 the pitch is controlled by &4E62 and the volume by &4E64 although you can change these by changing their values at the end of the assembly listing or as shown in the basic **listing 6** The routine is also relocatable and it may be a good idea to shift it up in memory if you use it in a program where you are short on space

The Dragon also has useful cassette port handling features and can be used for speech recognition I have written a program to demonstrate this (**listing 7**) The program takes values from locations &FF20 &FF24 &FF28 and &FF30 and displays a quantity graph of the results on the screen Each location gives a value of either one or zero depending on the sound from the cassette port Try playing music from the cassette and watch the result and if you find that any of the lines drift in a particular direction alter the volume and tone levels until they remain more or less straight This level will then be your optimum volume and tone (if you have tone) levels for loading software You will also see that different parts of the music make the some of the lines rise higher Do not expect a sudden peak on a particularly loud note as the routine will simply make a line move up one pixel!

Listing one

```
4E20  4E20                      ORG   20000
4E20                            PUT   20000
4E20 8608             ASTART LDA   #8
4E22 BAFF23                    ORA   $FF23
4E25 B7FF23                    STA   $FF23
4E28 F60113           LOOP1  LDB   275
4E2B F7FF20           LOOP2  STB   $FF20
4E2E 5A                        DECB
4E2F 26FA                      BNE   LOOP2
4E31 F7FF20           LOOP3  STB   $FF20
4E34 5C                        INCB
4E35 26FA                      BNE B LOOP3
4E37 20EF                      BRA   LOOP1
4E39
```

Listing two

```
[illegible] 0 8EFF            [illegible]  DD   [illegible]
[illegible]   C608                         [illegible]  [illegible]
[illegible]   FA [illegible]               [illegible]  [illegible]
[illegible]   F7FF [illegible]             [illegible]  [illegible]
4E2F 8E0600                                [illegible]  #&0600
[illegible] D B7FF 0          L [illegible] [illegible] $FF20
[illegible]0 A884                          EORA [illegible]
4E3[illegible] A780                        [illegible]  X[illegible]
[illegible] 8C 0E00                        CMPX  #&1E00
4E37  6F[illegible]                        [illegible]  [illegible]
[illegible] 9 20E5                         [illegible]  [illegible]
E7B

0 PMODE4 1 SCREEN [illegible]
5 REM [illegible]
0 PCLS [illegible] 28 96 50
[illegible]0 PAINT 28 96
[illegible]0 EXEC 20000
```

Listing three

```
4E20 B6FF23           #START LDA   $FF23
4E23 8A08                      ORA   #8
4E25 B7FF23                    STA   $FF23
4E28 B64E60                    LDA   LENGTH
4E2B B74E61                    STA   LEN
4E2E B64E62                    LDA   PITCH
4E31 B74E63                    STA   P[illegible]
4E34 B64E64                    LDA   VOLUME
4E37 49                        ROLA
4E38 49                        ROLA
4E39 C600                      LDB   #0
4E3B B7FF20           SOUND  STA   $FF20
4E3E F7FF20                    STB   $FF20
4E41 7A4E63           LOOP   DEC   [illegible]
4E44 26FB                      BNE   LOOP
4E46 F64E61                    LDB   [illegible]
4E49 F74E63                    [illegible]
4E4C C600                      LDB   #0
4E4E B7FF20                    [illegible]  $FF20
4E51 F7FF20                    [illegible]  $FF20
[illegible] 7A4E67    [illegible]  [illegible]
[illegible] 26FB               BN[illegible]
[illegible] 7A4[illegible]     DE[illegible]
[illegible] 26DD               B[illegible]
[illegible]5[illegible] 39     [illegible]

4E5[illegible] [illegible]E60                   [illegible]
[illegible]                                [illegible]
[illegible]
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Listing four

```
 0 CLEAR200 1999[illegible]
 0 X=20000[illegible]
 0 Y=X
40 READ A$
50 IF A$() END [illegible]
60 EXEC Y
70 DATA86,0[illegible]
F
 0 DATA FFD
```

Listing five Wangys

```
4 CLEAR200,9999:'This should always be x-1
 2 PMODE4:SCREEN1,1:PCLS
 5 GOSUB 1000
 6 'Try drawing [illegible]
10 CIRCLE(128,96),50
20 PAINT[illegible],96
 100 EXEC Y
1000 X=10000
1010 Y=X
1020 READ A$
1030 IF A$<>"END" THEN [illegible]"&H"+A$):X=X+1:GOTO 1020
1040 RETURN
1050 DATA 86 E[illegible] 6 08 FA [illegible] 8E 0E 00 87 [illegible] 10,A9, [illegible] A7 80 8C 15 00,
6 F[illegible] 20,E[illegible]
1060 DATA END
```

Listing six

```
4 CLEAR200,19999:'This should always be x-1
5 GOSUB 1000:'The following pokes relocate the program
6 A$=HEX$(Y+64):POKEY+9,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+10,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2)):PO
KEY+58,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+59,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+1
7 POKEY+12,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+1[illegible],VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+1:POKEY+34,VAL(
"&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+35,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+3
8 POKEY+15,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+16,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+2:POKEY+39,VAL(
"&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+40,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+2:POKEY+53,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2
)):POKEY+54,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+[illegible]
9 POKEY+18,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+19,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+3:POKEY+21,VAL(
"&H"+LEFT$(A$,2)):POKEY+22,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+4:POKEY+42,VAL("&H"+LEFT$(A$,2
)):POKEY+43,VAL("&H"+RIGHT$(A$,2))+[illegible]
10 DURATION=Y+64
20 PITCH=Y+66
30 VOLUME=Y+68
40 POKEDURATION,1
50 POKE VOLUME,255
60 FOR A=1 TO 255
70 POKEPITCH,A
80 EXEC Y
90 NEXTA
 100 POKEDURATION,RND([illegible])
 110 POKEVOLUME,RND([illegible])
 120 POKEPITCH,RND(255)
 130 EXEC Y
 140 GOTO 100
 1000 X=20000:'alter this value to where you want [illegible]
 1010 Y=X
1020 READA$
 1030 IF A$<>"END" THEN POKEX,VAL("&H"+A$):X=X+1:GOTO 1020
 1040 RETURN
 1050 DATABE FF [illegible] 8[illegible] FF [illegible] 5[illegible] B[illegible] [illegible] 95 4F [illegible] B[illegible],B5 4F 54 49
,49
 1060 DATACE 00 B7 F[illegible] [illegible] 7A [illegible] FF F[illegible] 1E [illegible] F7 4F B[illegible],CE 00 B[illegible],FF 20
 1070 DATAF7 FF,20 7C [illegible] FF 7[illegible] [illegible] D[illegible]
 1052 DATA END
```

Listing seven

```
 10 CLS
 20 INPUT"DO YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO INPUT";A$
 30 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="Y" THEN AUDIOON ELSE AUDIOOFF
 40 MOTORON
 50 PMODE4,1:SCREEN1,1:PCLS
 60 Y1=35
 70 Y2=80
 80 Y3=125
 90 Y4=170
 100 FOR A=0 TO 255
 110 Y1=Y1+(PEEK(&HFF20)=1)-(PEEK(&HFF20)=0)
 120 Y2=Y2+(PEEK(&HFF24)=1)-(PEEK(&HFF24)=0)
 130 Y3=Y3+(PEEK(&HFF28)=1)-(PEEK(&HFF28)=0)
 140 Y4=Y4+(PEEK(&HFF30)=1)-(PEEK(&HFF30)=0)
 150 IF Y1<0 OR Y2<0 OR Y3<0 OR Y4<0 OR Y1>190 OR Y2>190 OR Y3>190 OR Y4>190 THEN
 50
 160 PSET(A,Y1):PSET(A,Y2):PSET(A,Y3):PSET(A,Y4)
 170 NEXTA
 180 GOTO50
```

Sliding Graphics

***Pam D'Arcy** slips into something a little more BASIC*

PERHAPS it's a sign of the maturity of the Dragon and its users that these days "Dragon User" features an abundance of machine code articles and excellent though they may be programs containing mealy hex dumps. However I still come across many readers who are not interested in machine code and others who are put off by long listings so once again I am offering a non-arcade game of minimum length written entirely in BASIC capable of your own enhancements to suit. REM lines may be omitted for even faster completion. For those who like rather more than just a listing some explanation of the Dragon BASIC graphics statements used completes the article.

Slide Puzzle Program (Listing 2)

The program takes the existing contents of graphics pages 1-4 copies them to pages 5-8 where it treats them as a 4★4 grid as in a sliding tile puzzle scrambles the tiles then waits for the player to reconstitute the original picture by moving the tiles via the 'blank' square using the arrow keys. Movement is as per the plastic puzzle that is a tile is moved into the blank space. There is an abandon option (#) to allow the totally lost to start again!

Any existing PMODE3 screen may be used although tile edging and a contrasting coloured 'blank' square may need to be incorporated for easier operation. Instructions for doing this are detailed below. The default position of the blank square is the top left of the screen. Meanwhile a quick picture may be obtained from **Listing 1**.

A Picture Of A House (Listing 1)

I recommend that Line 540 is typed in first then to RUN the program after tying in each LINE/CIRCLE/PAINT statement which will show you the effect of each graphics statement and will confirm the validity of the statement as typed rather than laborious debugging after typing in the whole. When completed delete line 540 if you intend to append **Listing 2** to form a single program.

An Existing Picture

Any existing PMODE3 graphics picture currently in graphics pages 1-4 may be used. You may have one available from a graphics generator program light pen or touch pad creations from interrupting (BREAK RESET) a game containing a nice graphics display or one designed and drawn up by a program of your own making.

If you do not have a copy of the screen stored on tape or disk I recommend that as the first step so that it can be reloaded another time including if it gets messed up following these instructions! If needed **Table 1** offers assistance with saving and loading the graphics screen.

Listing 3 (comprising an edited LINE 20 new LINE 30 and existing LINES 440-540 of **Listing 1**) is a program that will drew in the tile edging and 'blank' the square in the top left position of the screen. To change the blank's colour the first parameter of the COLOR statements should be changed to the number of the required colour. To change the position of the blank square the appropriate co-ordinates as given in **Table 2** should be used in LINE 530. The default values for the position of the blank square in the Slide Program will need to be amended accordingly (see below).

LINE 30 makes a quick 'safety' copy of graphics pages 1-4 to pages 5-8 when RUN. Should you want to change something after the first RUN a re-load of the original screen from tape or disk is unnecessary if you also edit LINE 30 to PCOPY N+4 TO N to restore the original copy when the program is subsequently RUN.

Having set up the tile edging and blank square save the masterpiece to tape or disk for future loading to use with the Slide Program.

Program Techniques

Various default values can quickly be changed to suit your requirements. These are centred on LINE 630:

CS=colour set (when RUN key C changes colour set anyway)
DX DY=default blank square co-ordinates of the 4★4 grid
0-3 across (DX) by 0-3 down (DY)
thus 0 0=top left 3 0=top right
0 3=bottom left 3 3=bottom right etc
MV=value that is subject of RND to determine number of tile movements (when added to 6) to jumble the picture.
thus the initial default jumble is between 7 and 16 moves. (I use MV=16 for my children)

The GET statement copies a described rectangle from the screen display into an area of memory called an ARRAY VARIABLE. That Array Variable can then be copied to a different part of the screen using the PUT statement. In the Slide Program we need to swap the blank square rectangle with an adjacent rectangle of a picture tile. The contents of the blank square rectangle never change so LINE 740 copies it to the array BS where it stays for the duration of the run.

The important thing about the size of the array variable for GET/PUT is that the menuel is wrong and greatly overstates the required size.

The width of the tiles in pixel points for each of the four tiles across the screen is 256/4=64 (variable PX). The bepth of the tiles in pixel points for each of the four tiles down the screen is 192/4=48 (variable PY). According to the manual this would require an array DIM BS(63,47) to store a copy of any of the tiles. In fact the graphics data is tightly packed into the array and a formula for calculating the required size that will work for all PMODES and GET/PUT options is

TABLE 1
SAVE/LOAD FROM/TO GRAPHICS PAGES 1-4

System	SAVE	LOAD
Cassette only	CSAVEM SCREEN 1536 1536+6144 1 6144	CLOADM SCREEN"
DragonDOS 1.0	SAVE SCREEN 3072 3072+6144 6144	LOAD SCREEN.BIN
DragonDOS 4.0) & Cumana 2.0)	SAVE SCREEN 3072 3072+6144−1 6144	LOAD SCREEN.BIN
DeltaDOS	SAVEM SCREEN 1536 1536+6144 1	LOADM SCREEN

TABLE 2
X, Y CO-ORDINATES TO FILL RECTANGLE WITHIN EDGED TILE

2 1	61 46	66 1	125 46	130 1	189 46	194 1	253 46
2 49	61 94	66 49	125 94	130 49	189 94	194 49	253 94
2 97	61 142	66 97	125 142	130 97	189 142	194 97	253 142
2 145	61 190	66 145	125 190	130 145	189 190	194 145	253 190

PX=Width of rectangle involved in
  PIXEL POINTS
PY=depth of rectangle involved in
  PIXEL POINTS
Then ARRAY VARIABLE size=INT ((INT
  (((PX★PY)+7) 8)+4) 5)
Thus typing into the Dragon the above
  information in COMMAND MODE
PX=64 <ENTER>
PY=46 <ENTER>
PRINT INT((INT(((PX★PY)+7)/8)+4)/5)
  <ENTER>

reveals a required DIM Array size of 77 (so even the BS(80) slightly exceeds the minimum requirement!)

There is no harm in overstating the required size apart from wasting memory but there is every harm in understating the size. Also unlike the normal use of arrays in BASIC where if an array that has not been specifically DIMensioned is encountered BASIC automatically allocates a default size of 10 the array MUST be defined in a DIM statement as BASIC will flag an ERROR and NOT default define the ARRAY in these circumstances. The purpose of the LD variable checked in line 820 is to avoid the next tile move when jumbling the picture to simply mirror the previous move thus negating some of the effect of the moves.

The GET/PUT subroutine in lines 1040-1080 swaps the tile to be moved with the adjacent blank square. At this point the 4★4 grid co-ordinates are held in MX and MY for the picture tile being moved and BX and BY for the current position of the blank square. First the picture tile rectangle is GET into the MS Array variable. The blank square rectangle copied into array variable BS at the start of the run is PUT over that tile on the screen. The picture tile rectangle in array MS is then PUT over the blank square rectangle that it is being moved to the blank square co ordinates are then updated to its new position (line 1070).

Avoiding FC Errors

If the Slide Program is abandoned by say pressing BREAK rather than using the ★ option and the next PCLEAR statement used is other than PCLEAR8 either directly from the keyboard or even in a newly loaded program prior to a PMODE statement being issued an FC ERROR will occur.

This is because the Slide program was currently set to PMODE 3 5 thus using graphics pages 5-8 and the BASIC interpreter safeguards the graphics pages needed by the current PMODE setting. A lower PCLEAR figure will not be allowed until the machine has had its PMODE setting suitably reset. Thus when the program is quit through its in built option (★) the PMODE setting is set to the lowest option requiring just one graphics page PMODE0 1 prior to the END statement (line 950). The PCLEAR8 is reset to PCLEAR4 to release the unneeded working pages of the slide puzzle but retaining the master pages 1-4 intact in case the program is re-RUN. A BASIC program is physically moved down into the freed graphics pages as soon as a lower PCLEAR statement is issued. Try quitting the program using the ★ option typing in PCLEAR1<ENTER> from the keyboard then RUN<ENTER>. The visible graphics screen corruption is where the Slide Program was moved to following PCLEAR1. It is physically copied to higher in memory when a greater number of graphics pages than at present are reserved with PCLEAR. It is quite a good idea to commence graphics programs with a PMODE0 1 so that FC Errors are avoided when setting up graphics requirements regardless of the state that a previous program may have left the machine in.

Picture Programming

I have spent rather longer than intended on the Slide program so will just mention one or two brief points regarding the Picture Program. In PMODE3 the size of the colour unit is 2 pixel points wide by 1 pixel point deep. The co ordinates used are still based on the highest resolution graphics screen being 256 pixel points across (and 192 points down). They are addressed as 0 255 and 0 191 respectively. If an odd pixel co-ordinate is specified when referencing a point across the screen (= X co-ordinate) that co ordinate has 1 subtracted from it when colouring the screen. That is as in the program where an X co ordinate such as 255 is used (line 60) the blob of colour painted in occupies the two pixel points 254 and 255. The size of the colour unit is why a STEP of 2 is used in line 80.

LINE statements with no concluding B or BF parameter result in a line being drawn from the first pair of X Y co ordinates to the second pair. LINE statements concluded with a B alone means draw a rectangle (Box) in outline only, the pairs of X Y co-ordinates defining the diagonally opposite corners of the rectangle. The BF parameter on the LINE statements means draw and Fill this rectangle (Box) with the current foreground colour. Only rectangles can be automatically filled with colour. Other shapes such as the circle of sunshine and the roof of the house need to be PAINTed after drawing the outline. The area to be PAINTed needs to be completely outlined with a defined single colour border otherwise the paint will spread alarmingly!

Listing 1

```
10 REM DRAW PICTURE OF A HOUSE FOR SLIDE PUZZLE PROGRAM
20 PCLEAR4:PMODE3,1:COLOR3,1:SCREEN1,0
30 REM GREEN GRASS
40 PCLS
50 REM BLUE SKY
60 LINE(0,0)-(255,103),PSET,BF
70 REM MAKE HORIZON LIGHTLY JAGGED AS PER GRASS GROWING
80 FOR X=0 TO 254 STEP 2
90 N=RND(2):IF N=1 THEN PSET(X,104)
100 NEXT X
110 REM YELLOW HOUSE BLOCK
120 COLOR2,1:LINE(40,64)-(199,179),PSET,BF
130 REM ROOF OUTLINE
140 COLOR4,1
150 LINE(80,32)-(180,32),PSET
160 LINE(180,32)-(202,63),PSET
170 LINE(202,64)-(56,64),PSET
180 LINE(56,63)-(80,32),PSET
190 REM PAINT ROOF RED
200 PAINT(126,48),4,4
210 REM RED CHIMNEY
220 LINE(120,20)-(135,32),PSET,BF
230 REM BLUE DOOR
240 COLOR3,1
250 LINE(112,120)-(142,179),PSET,BF
260 REM FOUR RED CURTAINED WINDOWS
270 COLOR4,1
280 LINE(60,76)-(101,107),PSET,BF
290 LINE(156,76)-(189,107),PSET,BF
300 LINE(60,130)-(101,161),PSET,BF
310 LINE(156,130)-(189,141),PSET,BF
320 REM OPEN THE CURTAINS
330 COLOR3,1
340 LINE(70,76)-(91,107),PSET,BF
350 LINE(166,76)-(179,107),PSET,BF
360 LINE(70,130)-(91,161),PSET,BF
370 LINE(166,130)-(179,161),PSET,BF
380 REM YELLOW OUTLINED DOOR KNOB
390 CIRCLE(130,156),4,2
400 REM YELLOW SUNSHINE
410 CIRCLE(216,32),10,2
420 COLOR2,1
430 PAINT(216,32),2,2
440 REM EDGE TILES IN RED
450 COLOR4,1
460 FOR X=0 TO 192 STEP 64
470 FOR Y=0 TO 144 STEP 48
480 LINE(X,Y)-(X+63,Y+47),PSET,B
490 NEXT Y
500 NEXT X
510 REM SET UP BLANK TILE IN YELLOW, TOP LEFT
520 COLOR2,1
530 LINE(1,1)-(61,46),PSET,BF
540 IF INKEY$="" THEN540 ELSE LIST
```

Listing 2

[illegible]

Listing 3

```
20 PCLEAR8:PMODE3,1:COLOR",1:SCREEN1,0
30 FOR N=1 TO 4:PCOPY N TO N+4:NEXT
440 REM EDGE TILES IN RED
450 COLOR4,1
460 FOR X=0 TO 192 STEP 64
470 FOR Y=0 TO 144 STEP 48
480 LINE(X,Y)-(X+63,Y+47),PSET,B
490 NEXT Y
500 NEXT X
510 REM SET UP BLANK TILE IN YELLOW, TOP LEFT
520 COLOR2,1
530 LINE(2,1)-(61,46),PSET,BF
540 IF INKEY$="" THEN540 ELSE LIST
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GOOD DAY to you all and welcome to the fourth arcade column and once again may I thank you for all the letters you have sent. I have bought a warehouse to store them both in so fear not for their safety. However, should you ever wish to see anything you send me again please send an SAE or alternatively leave ten thousand pounds in a hollow tree in Dagenham by Monday or I'll start sending them back in bits. Heh heh heh.

Firstly the winner of a year's subscription is a Mr David Barclay of Dumfries, Scotland (you know, the pointy bit up the top with the haggis and the lochs) who correctly named pictures (a) and (b) as *3 D Seiddab Attack* and *Horace Goes Skiing* respectively. Congratulations David and tough (censored) to the rest of you, especially those of you who can't spell *Seiddab*.

Now then, moving at the speed of light on to *Total Eclipse* (which isn't strictly an arcade game but still seems to be the subject of several thousand letters to me) and two different ways of helping yourselves along with this game.

Firstly, you write to Eclipse-Fenmer who expressed an interest up at the recent 6809 convention in selling saved games for a couple of quid at various points in the game. This sounds to me like a pretty groovy idea but it's up to you to nag them!

If you don't feel like doing that then there is another solution. Over to J. Brown of Buckinghamshire with his Total Eclipse Savegame Editor. Mr Brown's program will only run on a Dragon 64 and as I only possess a Dragon 32 (unless any company out there really feels benevolent and wants to butter up a writer!) I have not tested it.

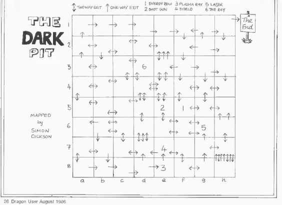
Mr Brown has sent complex instructions but the program is very easy to operate and they're not really necessary. Here are the prominent excerpts:

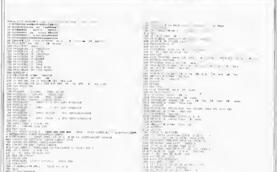
The program only works on a D64 in 64k mode but can be typed in on a 32. Before loading however the 64k mode must have been selected. ... For use with option 8, locations 32115 to 32122 for investing 32134 to 32136 will change the number of shards, disks, and pills you are carrying. Within option 9, Q returns you to the memory and S will hold the listing or when held down make the listing slower. ... The maximum number of credits is 4290067295. Any more and the program will crash!

Thank you very much Mr Brown, some more *Total Eclipse* next month, now to *The Dark Pit* and the map from Simon Dickson. To be brutally honest I think that there's an error on this map as looking at it there seems to be no way to get to the exit but my copy is mangled and so until my new one arrives I can't test it. However, rather than hold it back from you I've decided to go public so here's the map and please don't send me any more maps of this, or of *Jet Set Willy* as although the thought is very nice they're no longer necessary! However, do keep sending maps of any game you have (*Brocks Kingdom* anyone?). I have even given consideration to publishing maps of adventure games (look out Mike Gerrard, this is a takeover bid) but please please please, if you want them returned make sure your name and address is on the map as well as the letter you send with it! Better still, keep a photocopy.

Moving on, an appeal now from Jonathan Harrap of Oxon. "In *Time Bandit* I have successfully completed 4D on The Time Gate and have been returned to 1A, but I failed to do this on any of the other screens so I have not found out what the secret message is. I am now completely bored and thoroughly sick with this game. Can you please tell me what the message is?" Answers on a postcard to the usual address!

And so to a man who is becoming a co-writer on this column!! Mr M. R. Vince who reliably informs me that his name is "Mick / Mike the Brave" or "Hey You" doesn't explain the "R", Mick! Still, Mick tells us that the access code for *Beanstalker* is





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[illegible]
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Register and that he can t go any further and that holding down CLEAR and N gives extra lives up to a total of 999 He has asked me to publish his address so that he can enter into communication with other (dare I use the word) hackers but I m not sure if this is such a good idea as then people might write to him instead of me and I d be all alone in the world and go slowly mad here in my padded cell However I will publish his address as soon as he sends me his phone number! This is not you understand for any solicitous reasons but so that I can clarify some points that have arisen from his letters although perhaps we could go out for a quiet drink afterwards and then back to my penthouse flat for a wild night of loud music gambling and of course hacking And we could always have a **aspidistra** too! (One for the editing pen there Helen!) (*This man reads minds — Ed*)

Sorry I forgot myself there some more clues and hints for games in no particular order and from a Mr Anart Patel of Coventry

Crazy Painter On letting the space invader reach the bottom when your paint reaches the zero leave it and you ll have an infinite supply (I can t get this to work Anart maybe someone else can!)

Hungry Horace The guard can t get you when you re both in the tunnel so you can pass straight through him

Tim Love s Cricket Using a Quickshot II joystick when playing against the computer position the bowler as far down as you can then position the bowler s arm in a top left position and bowl A large percentage of the time you ll be able to bowl a full toss at the top of the off stump and get it out

Finally also from Anart he says if you load games with the command AUDIO ON CLOADM AUDIO ON you can insert a music cassette in the player and zap along to and I quote Talking Heads Simple Minds or Tom Tom Club Personally I find that I play best to Tangerine Dream Robert Wyatt Tom Waits (*Swordfish Trombones* and *Rain Dogs* especially) and any early David Bowie Has anyone found the ultimate record to play along with? If so you know the address

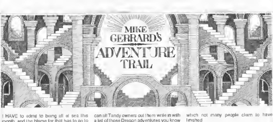
Now then to a topic which has been winding me up for some months now the heroes in games and the prejudice involved in picking them Quite simply and there is not a hint of a joke here I mean this I am pretty fed up with every game s hero being both white and male and getting the girl at the end of the game I have never managed to impress women by killing off a race of space invaders I don t think many women are interested in a cosmic space hero as a partner for life! How about a little of sensitivity how about a black lesbian heroine? How about racism and sexism?

Right that should start the letters flowing If you agree or disagree or you know of games which break the convention write to me and together we ll lead the Dragon world to revolution

Or at least to a little coffee shop I know off Leicester Square (*Back to square one — Ed*)

That s about it for this month Please keep writing tell me what you d like to see stop sending me your high scores I m not prepared to massage your egos and let s try and get the Dragon games crew thinking about what it really wants to play remember software writers read this column too!!

Okay let s do it to them before they do it to us



MIKE GERRARD'S ADVENTURE TRAIL

I HAVE to admit to being all at sea this month and the blame for that has to go to Microdeal and their new adventure *Aquanaut 471* but more of that later. First to reader James Boyden and a query he's got on an adventure called ... wait a minute *Aquanaut 471*? Hang on James, you might at least wait for me to review them before you start getting stuck in them. James wants to know where the seaweed is. I've half a mind not to tell him. (Those who said I've only half a mind anyway kindly leave the page.) Have you encountered the Mutent yet, James? If you can get past that beastie then go W-N-E-S TO REACH THE SEAWEED — and then you've got to know how to get it: SRETTUC TNALP HTIW TI TUC.

Syzygy

James also wants to know how to get to the planet on *Syzygy*, the answer to which was given last month, but in case you missed it (how dare you!) you enter the co-ordinates then pull the lever, the co-ordinates for the planet being 0 4 1 5 (and that's the right way round just for a change). Finally on *Vortex Factor*, how do you open the safe? You send an SAE to Tom Wilkinson of 13 Shaftesbury Ave, Hull, Humberside, that's what. No, Tom isn't a safecracker, or at least I don't think he is, but he has just written to me claiming his *Dragon User* merit mark for having solved *Vortex Factor*.

Mr A. M. Norris of 10 Molescombe, Fairwater, Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 4HE wants to swop or sell *Syzygy*, *The Hulk* and *El Diablero* if anyone is interested, while Alex Illegible Signature of Redruth, Cornwall wants to know how to pass the force field on the garden planet. A good job I know he means *Trekboer*, in which protection from the force field is given by TELUMA EHT.

A *Trekboer* tip from P. Sheppard of Cheshunt for people wondering how to deal with the second spider. The answer: REDIPS DNOCES ON SI EREHT. To make sure of that you must deal with the first spider properly, and take it when dead to MOOR SODNEX XE EHT, then EDIS TUO NOTTUB EHT SSERP. This reader also asks which Dragon adventures will also run on the Tandy computer, and I think it would be a good idea if we could compile a list of those for some future column, so can all Tandy owners out there write in with a list of those Dragon adventures you know for sure will run on the Tandy, for the benefit of everyone.

Yet more help needed on *Trekboer*, this time by Adrian Hall of Huddersfield, and how to stop the Xendos flower from dying is the first question. Don't plant it too early in the game, Adrian, as it's almost the last thing you do. Secondly, how to get the ice to water the flower when necessary: TEK NALB EHT NI TI YRRAC. In *Caverns of Doom*, how to build the raft when you've got the tools, hammer, nails, saw and beams: EPOR EHT DEEN LLITS UOY. And how to explore underwater without running out of air: PU N-W-N-N-N-D OG.

If anyone knows how to get over the oil fire on the third level of *The Poseidon Adventure*, can they write and tell Stephen Heraton, 4 Bankcroft, Langton, Preston, Lancs PR4 5AL, and Stephen also wants to know how to obtain food from the dinner droid in *Juxtaposition*, which is straightforward enough: DOOF EM EVIG DIORD RENNID OT YAS. You don't even need to say please.

Mr B. W. Le Roux writes to me on his flash Amstrad PCW from April Cottage, Cliff End Lane, Pett Level, Nr Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4EF, and has come up with a potential money making scheme. He says I should print pages of clues every month but make them coded instead of merely backwards — then I can make a few bob by selling the code books. Nice thinking Mr Le Roux, but I wonder if the new editor would let me get away with it? I can't give a clue backwards, forwards, cryptic or in binary for this reader's problem in *Syzygy*, as he's blundered into a big forest where the light is a strange colour and he can't do anything. Can anyone shed any un-strange light on that problem? The same reader is also having light trouble in *Caverns of Doom*, wondering how to mend the broken lamp. He says he's tried using the oil to un-rust the rope to improvise a wick, and has even taken the pickles out of the jar to try to put the lamp in there to shield it from draughts, but all to no effect. I'm not surprised either. Why? EREHWESLE PMAL NEKORBNU NA S'EREHT. Why hasn't this adventurer discovered it yet? It looks from the map as if he hasn't MOOR LLAMS EHT NI LLAW EHT DENIMAXE. Mr Le Roux also offers help on *Pettigrew's Diary* amongst others, which not many people claim to have finished.

Where is the bomb hidden in *Wings of War*, asks A. Court of Birmingham. RAL LEC EHT NI, says I, where you go HTRON TSAE HTUOS HTUOS, then RENIATNOC XIF with HCNERW DNA MUINIMULA, and finally TSAE OG.

All this backwards writing is taking its toll, so I'll give myself a break by looking at *Aquanaut 471: Under the Doomed Sea*, another of Microdeal's imported American adventures converted for the Dragon and also available for the Tandy. This takes place in the 21st century, where Jacques Cousteau's vision of underwater cities has become a reality, and you play the part of a high-ranking member of the Oceanic Federation. It seems there's trouble at Trident Dome, as that's where you're headed when the adventure begins, though you won't know what the trouble is till you've contacted Huey 14, the Dome's service droid who sent out the SOS.

You only have a limited number of moves to find the Dome when travelling around the various underwater locations, but luck led me to it first time — bad luck I think, as this then brings you to the first of what might be called arcade games, if arcades had ever been so primitive. You have to use your joystick to manoeuvre your submarine across the screen through bubbles floating to the surface to reach the Dome's landing spot. It's awkward to do, and rather annoying if, like me, you'd been looking forward to getting stuck into a new adventure. Once you're through, be sure to save your game so you don't have to go through the silly game again.

Underwater city

Here the adventure proper does begin and you can start to map out the underwater city, wondering what you do with the lead pipe and the memory grid that you soon find. Not that you worry for long as, oh no, it's another arcade game ... just when it was starting to get interesting too. This time you move your little self up the screen through a maze past a series of moving robots.

I'm afraid I found these arcade elements tedious and disruptive in what would otherwise be a promising adventure with the high standard of moving graphics we've come to expect from the likes of *Trekboer* and others No doubt it will be popular with many of you but it s not one I intend to load up too often Let s end the mini-review with a clue though What to do with the tool-chest? ECIWT KOOL

Back to an old favourite, and I don t mean D Collins of Biggleswade but the adventure he or she is talking about El Diablero What do you do with the desert beetles? BMOT EHT NI MEHT PORD And with the seeds? HTAP NIATNUOM EHT NI MEHT TNALP And the mat? SDAERHT EHT ENIMAXE And how to get back from the cave when you ve dreamed yourself there? EKAWA Help is available from this same reader on *Franklin s Tomb Mansion Adventure Dragon Mountain Calixto Island Don t Panic Ring of Darkness Mission 1* and *Mystery of the Java Star* so SAE if you re interested to D Collins 8 High Road Broom Biggleswade Beds SF18 9NJ

Envelopes

On the subject of stamped addressed envelopes don t forget to send them if you re writing to anyone asking for help and that goes if you re writing to me and want a personal reply No SAE means the query will get dealt with in the next available issue of the magazine and depending on publication dates that could mean a wait of two or three months for you

From David Walshaw a citizen of Wakefield come several pleas plus a map and clues on *Dragon Mountain* To kill a demon in this older adventure REGGAD RO DROWS CIGAM ESU And the Elf? NED LOG GNIHTYNA HTIW DEBIRB EB NAC Amongst David s problems is the mermaid in *Sea Quest* — well I don t expect you come across many in Wakefield do you? So you wouldn t know what she wants RORRIM EHT

Anyone got a spare Pi-Man? Michael Higgins of 15 Westland Drive Glasgow G14 9NT would like to play *Pimania* but can t get hold of a copy so if you ve finished with yours and would like to sell or swap then contact Michael direct Alistair Grant lives near Droitwich but is also lost in space in *Lost in Space* He keeps getting caught by the security robot but even when he manages to make it to the room with the grill he doesn t know what to do when he gets there Use your head Alistair or at least that hole in the front of it that you shovel food down EVIF RO RUOF EERHT OWT ENO YAS

A letter has arrived from Michael Edwards alias Broomsoft to show that he doesn t just write adventures but solves them as well He s sent in a complete solution to *Black Sanctum* so if anyone wants a copy of that just write in to me with SAE Meanwhile here are a few of the problems dealt with for you

1) Can t get through the locked door? TFOL EHT OT OG
2) Can t pass caretaker? ENIW EHT PORD
3) Can t find music to play? NIAGA ESACKOOB ENIMAXE

Michael has *Franklin s Tomb Pirate Adventure* and *Ring of Darkness* which he d like to swap for *El Diablero Shenanigans Sea Quest Return of the Ring Calixto Island* (graphics preferred) *Lost in Space* and *Fishy Business* Any offers? Write to 30 Broomhills Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 1RF

Finally a big thanks to Simon Hargreve of Gloucestershire for his solutions to *Juxtapositon* and *Trekboer* I ve already made the last one available to readers so let s add *Juxtaposition* to the list of freebies as well as *Black Sanctum* Don t say we never give you anything We might even give you another adventure column next month if you behave yourselves

Adventure Contact

To help puzzled adventurers further we are instituting an Adventure Helpline — simply fill in the coupon below stating the name of the adventure your problem and your name and address and send it to Dragon User Adventure Helpline 12/13 Little Newport Street London WC2H 7PP As soon as enough entries have arrived we will start printing them in the magazine

Don t worry — you ll still have Adventure Trail to write to as well!

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Mini Maths

***Gordon Lee** sets the puzzles — but who will find the totals?*

FROM TIME to time on this page we present a series of unrelated puzzles that the reader might be interested in tackling purely for his (or her) own enjoyment Here are five such puzzles but the solver should proceed with caution as not all of them are necessarily soluble by the use of the computer

1 Using each of the nine digits 1 to 9 once and once only arrange them to form a perfect square For example one such arrangement might be 382945761 the square of 19569 There are many other arrangements of the nine digits possible but can you find a) the lowest possible number and b) the highest?

2 As in question 1 use the nine digits 1 to 9 but this time arrange them to form two nine digit *prime* numbers a) the lowest possible and b) the highest

3 A farmer has a circular field with a diameter of 200 feet The field is enclosed by a fence Inside this field tied to the perimeter fence is a goat on a length of rope If the rope is long enough to allow the goat to graze exactly half the area of the circular field how long is the piece of rope? (You should assume that the goat can reach exactly to the end of its tether)

4 The number 4 is very interesting It is a perfect square and the two integers each side of it 3 and 5 are *both* prime Can you find the next highest square number that has this property?

5 Consider the following alphamatic

$$\frac{\text{DRAGON}}{\text{USER}} = \star\star$$

In alphamatics each letter represents a certain digit wherever it occurs Similarly unlike letters represent unlike digits So in the puzzle given we have a six digit number with all digits different (as represented by the word DRAGON) divided by a four digit number also with different digits (USER) Note however that the second digit of the numerator is the same as the final digit of the denominator as represented by the letter R The result of this division is represented by the two asterisks Of this number nothing is known except that it consists of two digits which may or may not be alike However if this value is cubed and the digits of this cube exchanged for letters using the same substitution as in Dragon User the result will be a familiar English word Can you find the correct values of the letters and the word so produced?

For the competition this month we require *just* the solution to this final question (No 5)

The solution to question 1 follows so if you wish to tackle I yourself read no further The solutions to questions 2 to 4 will be published next month

1 The lowest and highest numbers are 139854276 and 923187456 the squares of 11826 and 30384 respectively One method of solution is by running the program listed below Here the values in the range 11112 to 31426 are squared and the resulting figure is tested to determine if it is comprised of the nine digits 1 to 9 In order to do this the numerical variable needs to be converted into a string variable so that individual digits can be selected for examination Note the second command in line 30 S$=MID$(S$ 2) which removes the first character of the string On the Dragon as on some other micros when a numeric variable is converted to its string equivalent an extra invisible character appears in the first position in the string This character holds the imaginary plus sign in front of all positive numbers (If the number were negative the minus sign would appear here as we would expect) Consequently we need to remove this extra character from the string before examining its contents

Having done this the remaining nine digits need to be tested to determine that there is no zero present and that no digit is duplicated The test for duplication is not difficult as every character in the string can be compared with every other but it is time-consuming to test every one of the possible squares in this way Fortunately there is a short cut available In any arrangement of the digits 1 to 9 the sum of the digits must equal 45 and the product must equal 362880 Consequently it is simply necessary to move along the string taking each digit in turn and finding the respective sum and product Any value not in agreement with the expected values can be rejected Note that this procedure will not guarantee that every number which passes the test does contain the nine digits but it will reject all those which do not have sums of 45 and products of 362880 If the listed program is run it will print out all 30 squares which are made up of the digits 1 to 9 but it also includes a further two containing duplicated digits However these are easily spotted and can be eliminated Note that the question as stated only asked for the lowest and highest values so if it is run until the first answer is printed (the lowest value) and then line 10 is amended to 10 FOR N=31426 TO 11112 STEP −1 the program can be re run to compute the highest value

Prize

Guess what we've got this month? A real turn up for the bookmakers For those of you who reckoned your chance of getting a bug-free copy of *Total Eclipse* were (speed of light) to one against Eclipse-Fanmar are backing their complete confidence in the

1 3 version by sending us here 20 copies for our August prizewinners Our man on the spot raved about *Total Eclipse* fleets of Traders raved in frustration when the Universe locked up a thousand light years from home Now it seems that the Universe is rolling again

Rules

To solve this puzzle and win a prize you must give the answer and show how you arrive at I using a Basic program Don't send cassettes just a printout and any explanation you want to offer (cat and four kids to support won't be accepted) Please mark your envelope AUGUST COMPETITION, and don't forget to put your name and address on your entry and send it to reach us by mid-September at the latest.

This month's tiebreaker, complete the following phrase "You're never alone in the Universe " It can be a limerick if you insist — just so long as it begins "You're never alone in the Universe

May Winners

Our trusty trophy drawer this month contains 20 copies of Blaby's hit *Kung Fu — The Master* and these are on their way to J B Slinger of High Wycombe Andy Beale of Wallington Phil Sapiro of Liverpool E C Hastead of Erith D C Lee (not *the* Dee C Lee) of Barnsley J L Clark of Portsmouth Ralph E Newman of Penrhyndeudraeth... Pen Indge S P Holt of Rosyth P D Meddocks of Taplow Simon Aubrey of Swindon G A Hunt of Carnforth G R Barber of Sutton Coldfield E A Newman of Addlestone M W Stonton of Towcester Mark Heaps of Washington P A Bennington of Strood P Fairbairn of Kilmaurs M C Regnier of Fetcham E V Jones of Cardiff and D C Faulkner of Pontypridd

Solution

Many calculated correctly that 6 to the power of 36 is 10314424798490535546171949056 but not everyone remembered to say that the odds involved are *either* 1 in 056 *or* 055 to 1 Tiebreakers drew heavily on unearthed Dragons but the Editor's favourite is I get a kick out of my Dragon because it's perfect for whatever ju do Ouch!

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